

Meeting of Handforth Neighbourhood Plan

Steering Group

Meeting of: Handforth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on Tuesday 18th April 2017 at 6:30pm, The Youth Centre, Old Road, Handforth.

Minutes

Present: A Comiskey Dawson, R Small, R Higham, B Shenton, S Moore, G Aspinall, C Samson, A Murdoch.

Mrs Susan Evans, a resident, was also present as an observer to the meeting
Claire Bradley Kirkwells Planning consultant to HNPSG was in attendance.

50. To receive apologies for absence.

D Pincombe & M Bishop.

51. Minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2017

Noted, Secretary to send all HNPSG minutes to Claire Bradley.

After discussion with Tom Evans of CEC it was noted that CEC will do the Strategic Environmental Screening Assessment, and pay for it, provided no problems occurred.

D Pincombe had recommended Anne Gilcrest from the University of Manchester to independently analyse the results from the questionnaire, R Small had attempted to contact her, but to no avail. Claire Bradley confirmed there was no need for an independent analysis of the results. Under item 46, the website and library display boards have been updated; notice boards will be updated shortly.

There was a brief discussion about EoTN's Transport Topic Paper developed by WYG; it was considered that if this document was in the public domain, it could be referred to in the Neighbourhood Plan. Claire Bradley confirmed that the group could make Highways recommendations in the NP however, had no legal jurisdiction over Highways.

Minutes of last meeting were approved

52. Claire Bradley introduced herself to the whole group present, she explained that Kirkwells had acted as consultants to over 100 different parish councils working on their neighbourhood plans, and had seen about 20% of these through examination so far. They contribute technical analysis on the NP regulations and advise on what can and cannot be included. Currently employed on a stage by stage basis. Currently Kirkwells have covered their inception meeting with Handforth NP group, assessed and advised on the evidence

base, and have completed their national and local policy assessment. The Handforth NP needs to ensure it conforms with CEC inspector's evidence documents and does not repeat what is already contained as policy within the CEC local plan.

The process ahead includes further consultation with the community and how problems can be addressed with a view to the NP having policies regarding this. Hold drop-in sessions; have a structured document which asks open ended questions relating to the preferred option draft plan – which hits the formal consultation phase.

A template of this document will be drawn up by Kirkwells. This will be a draft issues questionnaire bespoke to ourselves.

Claire noted that if she had access to HPC's PSMA licence number she could produce some maps for the NP. The secretary will forward the licence number to Claire.

53. At the previous meeting it had been agreed what should go into the grant application. R Small, A Murdoch and the secretary had all reviewed the application and this was submitted to MyCommunity. After submission a representative from MyCommunity contacted R Small and informed him that the area of the application requesting Technical Support was premature, and that to speed up the grant award process this item would be removed. MyCommunity also asked for quotes regarding the display boards, which were then sent across.

A brief discussion was held about the Technical Support offered in partnership with MyCommunity, through an organisation named ACOM. Claire Bradley noted that support from ACOM might not be in the best interests of the group

54. Progress with amassing evidence:

Depositions received:

Cycle Wilmslow, Friends of Handforth Station, Wilmslow Aid Trust

Depositions anticipated:

Wilmslow Dean Rotary Club, Friends of Stanley Hall Park, Friends of Meriton Road Park, Handforth Business Proprietors, Petition re: no. 378 bus, Petition re: CS49.

Contacts needed for:

Handforth Gardening Society, Handforth Scouts, other groups/societies

55. S Moore gave a report re: the Handforth Business group meeting held on 28th March, this report will be appended to the minutes.

56. A Murdoch informed the group that a number of members, the secretary and Claire had attended a meeting with Mark Thompson, the director for EoTN; which had been very useful. EoTN are still looking at virtually all proposals in the design brief of the masterplan for the NCGV. The design shown at the meeting allocated parcels of land of different density housing units in various areas of the site; the design also retained an area of greenspace in the northwest corner of the site, separating the NCGV from both the A34 bypass, and the boundary with Stockport. Areas such as the existing ponds would be developed around and these ecologically important spots incorporated into the design as

natural features. The group had floated the idea of EoTN working with a housing association to work towards some of the site being available for rented and affordable homes. EoTN responded to say they would be working with housing associations, however, wished the design to be a mixed development. There would be linkage into the village, however these were not, as yet, firm proposals. It was unlikely there would be any access to the NCGV from the A555. Mark Thompson informed the meeting that the design brief still needed to be moved forward and they were looking at starting again from first principles. EoTN were, however, very keen to engage and work with the NP group taking their plans forward.

57. Claire Bradley recommended not asking residents about the non – strategic sites in a new questionnaire, as CEC have not yet decided to allocate these sites or not. It is for the parish council to make representations about these sites. If the site is in the greenbelt, only CEC can alter the greenbelt. Any housing development proposed in the greenbelt would be considered inappropriate development. S Moore and R Small still felt it was worthwhile gathering residents view anyway as evidence to be placed into the NP.

58. It was decided that there would be a need for further public consultation meetings, especially with regard to the issues and policies sheet for the draft NP. A stand at the May Fest was also discussed, and if the May Fest was going ahead this year, the NP group would ask to put their display boards up.

59. The secretary met up with B Shenton and looked over all the land ownership plans which he had obtained. This information would now be held on file in the office.

60. Reserved Matters:

The group briefly discussed their opinions of Kirkwells as planning consultants, and how they felt they had performed for the group so far. The group members were pleased with progress so far and therefore agreed to continue through stage 2 of the outlined quote, with a view to reviewing Kirkwells performance once again before committing to stage 3. A Murdoch proposed, seconded by R Higham to continue with Kirkwells on this basis. The group were unanimous in their view.

The date of the next meeting will be 23rd May 2017

Close of meeting. At 20:50

Action	By Whom	When By
Forward all minutes to Claire Bradley	The secretary	ASAP

Forward HPC's PSMA licence number to Claire Bradley	The Secretary	ASAP
To complete the traffic sections of the draft introduction	DP	When Applicable
Place survey results on notice boards	The secretary	ASAP
Monitor grant application to MyCommunity	RS / AM / The secretary	ASAP

Roger Small
Chairman
18th April 2017