

Meeting of Handforth Neighbourhood Plan

Steering Group

Meeting of: Handforth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on Tuesday 24th October 2017 at 6:30pm, The Youth Centre, Old Road, Handforth.

Minutes

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

99. To receive apologies for absence.

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100. Minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2017

R Small noted that the meeting with Andy Frost had taken place on 9th October, and that there had, once again been discussion about the masterplan layout for the NCGV. However, Andy was still unwilling to share a copy with the group until it had been approved formally by CE Cabinet. It was intended that this be ready for approval by Christmas with a view to being passed to the spatial planning team by spring 2018. R Small noted that the meeting with the CE local transport plan team had been successful and a copy of the notes from this had been circulated to all group members. It was noted that Tom Evans has received reports back from Historic England, Natural England and the Environment Agency in respect to the S.E.A. screening assessment for the NP. It is anticipated that, as there are no site allocations or policies contrary to any of these bodies, then an S.E.A. will not be required.

Minutes of last meeting were approved

101. The group submitted a response to planning application 17/4497M. R Small informed the group that he had attended the meeting of Handforth Planning and Environment committee who gave permission, with a minor amendment to the groups proposed submission, to be sent to CE Planning.

102. R Small updated the group with regards to the next tranche of grant funding for which the group have applied to MyCommunity/ Locality. HNPSG had applied for a further £4,550.00 of funding to complete the neighbourhood plan over the next six months. This

amount has been granted. The secretary has now completed the due diligence on the award which will be with the parish council shortly.

103. HPC met on 10th October 17 and had two major items of importance on the agenda. The meeting was attended by several members of HNPSG, as well as a representative from Kirkwells, Louise Kirkup. The primary item of importance for the group was the approval of the neighbourhood plan for regulation 14 consultation. There was some debate on the subject and group members, and Louise from Kirkwells responded to some questions from members of the council. After a constructive debate the council voted unanimously to approve the final draft neighbourhood plan for Regulation 14 Consultation.
104. The group is now progressing with regulation 14 consultation. Hard copies have been given to all parish councillors and members of the steering group. R Small has also given a copy to each of the schools, and there are reference copies both at the Youth Centre and in Handforth Library. The document is available to view both on the HNPSG website and on the CE neighbourhood planning website. The website has been updated. Flyers informing residents about the consultation have been distributed to residents and are on all the village notice boards. In all the electronic version has been emailed to approximately 72 other statutory consultees including neighbouring parish / town councils and SMBC.
105. The group discussed the retention of their planning consultants, Kirkwells. So far they have only been commissioned up to the completion of Stage 2 of their original work programme. Members commented that they felt that the work done by Kirkwells has been of good quality. There were comments from members that sometimes the communication from Kirkwells had been a little weak and that members felt they would like to see a representative at HNPSG meetings a little more often. A Murdoch proposed, seconded by R Small, that Kirkwells be kept on as the groups planning consultants until the end of the project and referendum. The group unanimously agreed to retain the services of Kirkwells.
106. R Small has circulated a draft response to the CIL levy consultation to members of the group. He discussed the fact that HPC have commissioned GVA Grimley of Manchester as consultants in preparation of HPC's representation to the draft CIL charging schedule. It was noted that the steering group would also have access to this report and be able to use as part of HNPSG's representation. R Higham asked whether it was OK to take some elements from A Murdoch's report to form the basis of group member's individual objections to the proposed draft charging schedule. A Murdoch agreed that this was acceptable.
- The HNPSG letter of objection currently contains some background information about the preparation of the draft neighbourhood plan along with some identified sums of money that could be used by CEC to increase viability at the NCGV site. It is proposed that R Small will use elements from both the Grimley Report as well as the objection formulated by A

Murdoch to construct a table of points which directly challenge various elements of the original Keppie Massie report produced for CEC evaluating the viability of the NCGV site. It was discussed that as part of the representation to CEC regarding the CIL Levy that the HNPSG send the Final draft NP through as an appendix, as the NP has recorded the infrastructure needs of the parish through feedback from residents gained during the questionnaire and issues and options phases run by the NP group; all this data is included in the final draft NP.

R Small asked, because of the short timescale before the consultation deadline, whether the group approve his submitting the HNPSG response on behalf of the group. It would be circulated by email before submission and include the elements from A Murdoch's report as well as elements from the Grimley report which is due on November 1st. R Higham proposed, seconded by C Samson, to authorise R Small to submit the proposed objection, as described here, to the CEC CIL levy consultation before the deadline of 6th November. This was agreed unanimously.

S Moore left the meeting during point 106 at 19:40.

107. After meeting with Rebecca McPartland from Emerson management services, Rebecca sent the following comments by email:

I've just been to speak with our planning team to highlight some of the issues you mentioned and in particular have asked them to look at the proposal of a new car park near to the station in the context of the increasing pressure on parking in Handforth.

I have also asked our facilities manager to look at lining additional spaces within the car park at the rear of Spar.

I will take instructions on anything that can be done to improve the appearance of the block on Wilmslow Rd but, to make you aware, Spar have control of the whole of their building at ground and first floor level at present. We would obviously have to bear that in mind. The neighbouring owner is Cringle Corporation Ltd and my usual contact there is Morag - CRINGLECO@aol.com

The date of the next meeting: TBC.

Close of meeting. At 19:57

Action	By Whom	When By
To contact Tom Evans to enquire as to the progress of the SEA/HRA screening	The Secretary	ASAP
Send all evidence material to Kirkwells	RS	Progressively through the Regulation 14 period
Receive GVA Grimley report for use in HNPSG response to CIL Consultation	RS / The Secretary	01/11/2017
Respond with objection to CEC CIL levy consultation	RS / The Secretary	Before 06/11/2017
Monitor regulation 14 consultation returns	All	Ongoing until 27/11/2017

Roger Small
Chairman
24th October 2017