



Deerhurst Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group

Meeting on: Thurs. 14 January 2021

at: 7pm, (online - Zoom)

Minutes

Present:

Steering Group (SG):

Laura Bromberg (Chair); Robert Bromberg; Sue Baldwin; Clive Baldwin; Chris Mundy; Jim Pollard; Mike Couzens; Ali Beddoes; Sue Andrew (Secretary).

1. Welcome & introduction:

LB welcomed members to the first Steering Group meeting of 2021 with a re-cap and assessment of where we are to date with the NDP. Much of the detail is contained in the 'Chair's Newsletter' 31.12.20.

2. Apologies:

None.

3. Declaration of interests:

None.

4. Minutes of last meeting & matters arising:

The last meeting was 29.06.20 (via Teams); any matters arising will be taken up in this meeting's agenda.

5. Correspondence:

An email was received from Jo Symons, Planning Policy Manager Tewkesbury Borough Council (20.12.20) on the draft Plan. Her comments were very favourable, and the minor modifications can be easily included.

6. Writing the Draft Plan:

The last correspondence with Ridge, was from Emma Wilsdon and received by LB on 11.11.20. a discussion took place about the inadequate way in which The Ridge has supported the group since David Lowin left. The 4th consultant is now working on the plan – with little handover, and no impetus to complete the work.

JP added that the boundaries needed redoing and then checked against the JCS to check that they match. He also noted that PRH designs had designed and branded the Twyning Plan, and that apparently much of the writing of theirs had been undertaken by a local volunteer.

LB reminded the group that currently, legally, no referendum can take place before May 2021 at the earliest (and it is likely that this could change and be put back further).

Actions:

- ***LB to contact Paul Fong Ridge to confirm their commitment to finish the work and for a Ridge team member to be assigned until completion. The repeated requests for payment will also be discussed, as the work has not been completed.***

7. Finance:

It was discussed that we are once again nearing the end of a financial year, where the remainder of any grant will need returning and reapplying for.

Actions:

- ***AB to check with the Clerk of the Parish Council the NDP spend.***
- ***AB to return the unspent amount of the 2020 NDP grant and reapply for a further grant this year.***

8. Communications:

Two options for completing the plan from here were discussed. Option A is to complete the draft plan whilst we are in lockdown and then hold a series of workshops with parishioners to work further on the policies. Option 2 was to consult virtually on policies now, and then complete the draft plan.

After discussion the meeting agreed that the Steering Group and Ridge would continue to work on filling in the substantial gaps in sections of the NDP, until there is a complete draft.

At that point, and when current lockdown arrangements are lifted, we will hold a series of face-to-face sessions to share and discuss each of the draft policies; for example an 'open' community event in the Village Hall.

9. AOB:

None.

10. Date of next meeting: Wed. 20 January 7.15 pm (via Zoom)

Actions:

- ***SA to co-ordinate and 'invite' NDP e-list to the above meeting.***

Meeting closed: 19:50