

17th BADGERS MOUNT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP meeting 7.45 pm, Thursday 18th March 2021 (following a planning committee meeting)

Meeting held via Zoom online video conferencing as permitted by the virtual meetings regulations.

It was agreed that Cllr McCartney would take the minutes of this meeting due to the absence of the Parish Clerk.

The meeting 20.05 pm

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Cllr Grint, Cllr Plumb, Cllr Lake, Cllr Dunlop, Cathy Southwood & Zena Belton.

1. O'Neill-Homer work leading to first draft of the neighbourhood plan

Recent housing needs survey results available now and a presentation of these will be given to the Parish Councillors at a forthcoming Council meeting. Cllr Plumb will liaise with the housing needs team to arrange a date.

Cllr Dunlop will invite ONH to attend the feedback presentation.

2. Re-establishment of contact with SDC planners

We have had no contact with SDC planners since their last representative moved roles. ONH recommend that we re-establish a connection with them now so that they are informed of our NP progress and we have a new point of contact.

Cllr Grint will make contact with SDC Planning Department and request support.

3. Possible ways of managing the Village Centre if it is built

If we have a village centre, ONH suggested we explore possible options of how this would be managed. This could be via a larger business, a housing association or the parish council.

ONH suggested part of the centre could be a business hub, a village shop.

Cllr Grint proposed an item for our next agenda of ideas that we could explore that might work in a village centre. Zena Belton suggested we explore the option of a community shop.

4. General progress / update

Cllr Dunlop reported that ONH will shortly start to write a draft of the Character Area Assessment for our community.

The next financial year (2021-2022) will be the third and final year of the increased precept. After this, the precept will reduce as was agreed at our initial meeting with community residents.

It is hoped that we can hold a further meeting/open display drop in sessions with the residents to update on progress and get further comments, ideas etc.

Other ways to promote progress in the Neighbourhood Plan include making better use of the community Facebook page, targeted newsletter, village WhatsApp group, posters on noticeboards etc. and of course, on the Parish Council website.

5. Date of next meeting on 15th April 2021.

Zoom meeting details to be put on Agenda, village Facebook page, village WhatsApp group.

The meeting closed at 8.49 pm.