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GOUDHURST PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN GROUP

Steering Committee (SC) Meeting # 32

Monday September 2nd 2019, 7.30 pm, Jessel Room

Present: Colin Willis (CW), Craig Broom (CB), Paul Griffin (PG), Linda Griffin (LG), Peter Woods (PW), Anthony Harris (AH), John Leavens (JL), Adrian Smith (AS), Richard Hillier (RH), Ed Bates (EB), Guy Sutton (GS),

1. Apologies

Linda Hall, Barbara Stafford (BS), Michael Thornton (MT), Jim Boot (JB), Shiona Gardiner (SG)

2. Minutes of Meeting # 31 (3/6/19) – Matters Arising

AH updated the meeting on progress of parking options for Goudhurst. The Parish Council is looking at a number of projects aimed at improving the overall traffic situation in Goudhurst. Improving traffic flows will likely displace car parking and so a holistic approach to the problem is required. Additional parking is required in Goudhurst to support the number of cars coming into the village each day. We need to retain transient parking in Goudhurst to allow passing traffic to stop and use the businesses in the village. A number of options are on the table for review and these will be presented at the village meeting in October.

3. Status Reports:-

AECOM Design Codes report

CW outlined the document received 2/9/19. AS commented that this adds little to the previous document and has the potential to conflict with the HWAONB design guide which has been recently published. The meeting resolved to use the HWAONB guide as our overall position on design and materials.

IPE Health Check

CB discussed the IPE health check. This was a pre-submission review provided by a registered plan inspector. The document is very useful independent view of the work so far. The report has allowed the writers team to simplify a number of the policies and strengthen the justifications and guidance associated with each policy. A key area of comment was about the inclusion of views within the plan and the lack of detail around them. Views are to be included in a separate document to flesh-out the detail. The Landscape Character Assessment group (LCAG) is to be reconvened to meet with the Writers' team to assist in deciding on criteria and rationale.

The Consultation Statement provides a list of all comments and details the changes made as a result of the consultation.

CB noted that there were essentially only three policy areas that will need to be agreed with TWBC before the plan moves to the next stage. The discussion will hope to resolve areas of potential conflict. CB to work with MT to arrange a meeting with TWBC to go through these. The areas for discussion are:

1. Tenure mix
2. Allocation of affordable housing
3. Parking in Goudhurst.

4. Local Green Spaces

CW updated the group on the meeting (June 10th) with Brian Henley about the allocation of 5 Fields as a Green Space in our plan. The meeting, attended by the TWBC conservation officer, was very useful and the objections to the listing were clear and well articulated. The LCAG group will look at the objections and consider whether to retain or remove 5 Fields from the list of Green Spaces. PW to report at the next meeting.

CW to organise a meeting with Bethany School, who have also objected to their land being included as a Green Space. CB commented that both these sites have been included in the TWBC Green Space listing in their draft plan.

Although the regulation 14 consultation process was used to update landowners on the Green Space activity it was felt that not all landowners may be aware of the process. AH will work with the Parish Council Clerk to initiate consultation with other landowners.

AH was concerned that designation now of an area as a LGS could prevent its future use as a Parish amenity e.g. the Lower Glebe is earmarked for the long term extension for the graveyard. CB noted that to be included it is expected that the sites will not change during the life of the plan although they could be changed during regular plan reviews (approximately every 5 years). CB to investigate the question over planned future use. The idea was floated to exclude the flat bottom part of the Lower Glebe from the designated area.

5. Timetable to Submission:-

The plan is in the process of being finalised. The plan, and supporting documents are some 700 pages and sign-off by the PC will likely take some time. CW noted the group are planning to complete all of the documents by the next meeting.

6. Kilndown – proposed CLT project

A proposal is to be taken to Goudhurst PC to set up a CLT to meet social housing need in the Parish. Goudhurst PC are responsible for meeting local housing need. AH had attended a training session around community housing and CLT's and considered that, as set out in the plan, a CLT is a clear option. All such housing

would need to be sustainable and this would limit the scope for development to Goudhurst village.

7. TWBC – thoughts on Draft Preferred Local Plan ?

There was no time to complete this item and it is deferred to the next meeting.

8. AOB

AH noted that some minutes were missing from the NDP website. CB to update. AH has provided Frittenden with a view of the overall Neighbourhood Planning process (see attachment).

AH noted his absence from the next meeting.

CB informed the meeting that Cranbrook NDP group were holding open meetings to discuss the impact of the TWBC local plan proposals where around a further 900 homes are planned. These homes will likely add to the traffic volumes in Goudhurst.

Meeting closed at 22:00.

9. Date of next Meeting – Monday Oct 7 tbc

Outstanding Actions from meeting #31

#	Date Raised	Description	Owner(s)	Target Date
168	4/2/18	CW to chase AECOM over the design statement	CW	Complete
170	3/6/19	Writers to update document based on IPE comments	Writers	Complete
171	3/6/19	JB to provide template for views and LCA	JB	Complete
172	2/9/19	CW to arrange meeting with Bethany to discuss Green Spaces	CW	7/10/19
173	2/9/19	GPC to investigate consultation with landowners where contact has not been possible so far	AH	7/10/19
174	2/9/19	CB to update website	CB	7/10/19
175	2/9/19	Investigate the question over planned future use of the Lower Glebe	CB	7/10/19
176	2/9/19	Seek a meeting with TWBC to discuss potential areas of contention.	CB	7/10/19
177	2/9/19	Review the inclusion of 5 fields in the plan as a Green Space	PW	7/10/19