

Minutes

GOUDHURST PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN GROUP

Steering Committee (SC) Meeting # 06

Monday March 6, 2017 7.45 pm

Present: Anthony Harris(AH), John Leavens(JL), Barbara Stafford (BS), Victoria Aldwinkle (VA), Colin Willis (CW), Craig Broom (CB), Richard Hillier (RH), Susan Newsam (SN), Alan Foster (AF), Jo Hinde (JH) Victoria Aldwinkle (VA), Peter Rolington (PR).

1. Apologies

Ed Bates (EB), Linda Hall (LH), Jim Boot (JB), John Leavens (JL), Peter Rollington (PR)

2. A Developer's View

Dave Hugget (DH) (Persimon Homes) provided the group with a view of Goudhurst from the perspective of a major housebuilder. Dave noted that NDP's were becoming more commonplace and developers were becoming more actively involved in the consultation phase of the NDP process and challenging where necessary. NDPs sit below local and national plans and NDP alignment with wider plans is the principal area of challenge. Another area is EU directives for example ecology, SSI's etc.

TWBC have historically seen Tunbridge Wells and Paddock Wood taking the majority of development with previous plans allocating only 360 new houses across all villages. Although numbers were now larger DH was of the view that the overall proportions would not dramatically change. DH felt that the geography, surroundings etc. of Goudhurst and TWBC's historic view of the village would not make it a viable centre for development (Cranbrook is our local Rural Centre) and that, as a consequence, the major housebuilders were unlikely to target Goudhurst for development.

DH emphasised that the NDP should deliver Positive Planning and understanding how development could be assessed (criteria) and supported - for example in the allocation of sites. Presentation material attached.

3. Minutes of Meeting # 05 (06/02/17).

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Of the outstanding items only Items 40/47 remains open.

4. Feedback on Meeting with KALC 22/02/2017

Of the NDP's being developed in the in KALC areas very few are being developed by the broader community. in general NDP's are being completed by either very small teams or in conjunction with external consultants.

Ticehurst, who have completed their NDP questionnaire process, recommended professional analysis as a way to generate insights into the resulting data and it was agreed that Goudhurst would take this approach.

The KALC meeting were also advised that KCC were open to discussion on the designation of speed limits in a community but the any cost of change would need to be borne by the local community.

A liaison group/working group has been created to support local NDP groups.

5. Questionnaire

An update on the Questionnaire group's discussions was provided by CW and the overall outline schedule of meetings outlined. There was agreement that the Business Survey could be managed on different schedule and RH was invited to the questionnaire group meeting on the 9th March to take part in the review of the business questionnaire. RH will provide a list of business emails for distribution.

JH noted that schools should be included in the business questionnaire.

The objective is to complete the majority of business responses through Survey Monkey and email. A copy will be available on the website for download but paper copies will not be distributed. JB had proposed a Survey Monkey licence shared with other parishes. This will now not be possible and it was agreed that Goudhurst would purchase its own licence for £300. CB to action.

The need to identify a pilot group to complete the questionnaire was discussed and it was felt that the AGM of the social club might provide an option for broader engagement. This was though discounted but the option to distribute a flyer was agreed (BH). JH noted that there were two parents evenings planned this week (W/C 6th March) on Tuesday/Thursday but this was considered to short notice.

The questionnaire will coincide with the fete in June and a table has been reserved (BH) for the event and a one page advertisement has been booked (BH). AH noted AF had in the past had some large maps of the Parish that might prove useful to support the fete activities. CB to discuss with AF.

There will be a number of drop-in sessions planned to provide support to people if this is needed. It was agreed that there would be 5 such meetings with 3 in Goudhurst and one each in Kilndown and Curtisden Green.

6. Events and Activities

The photographic competition has been launched and BS had contacted a local journalist who wrote an article. These were published ON THE 10TH March post meeting in the Courier and KM. At the time of the meeting there had been no submissions. AF noted he had a problem submitting an entry. CB to investigate. Once we have some entries they will be posted on the website and protected by

watermark. The link will be posted on Facebook and shared with the Goudhurst Village group

BH has contacted the following: U3A, Men's Breakfast (CW/Anthony Farnfield to attend), Kilndown Gardening club, Royal British Legion, Goudhurst Parish Council, Painting group, Primary School (item included in newsletter (<http://www.goudhurst-kilndown.kent.sch.uk/newsletters/6th-march-2017>))

Other groups (WI, History Group, Music group are in progress.

7. Structure of Working Groups

The document reviewing the activities of the working groups was discussed and it was agreed that a change of focus to task/finish groups was the most appropriate model. CB/CW to meet with the working groups combined with the review of questionnaire questions.

8. Village Design Statement

There was some discussions at the previous meeting (6/2/17) around the need for a Village Design Statement (VDS) and how that might help the NDP process. JB has provided a view of the NDP and this documents relationship with the Village Design Statement and the Village plan. Village Design Statements and Village plans were forerunners of the NDP but do not have any legal weight. The NDP has a 100 % overlap with the VDS and it was resolved that we would not begin a separate group to develop a VDS as it is already in the remit of the business and development groups.

9. AOB

AOB RH raised the Allocation of Sites. In response Dave Hugget's suggestion the group agreed that we need to think more seriously about identifying and allocating sites. This will be included in the remit of the business and development group.

AH commented that if we are looking at sites in the parish then we should engage with both the GPC and TWBC planning groups to better understand current plans and historical (approved and rejected) proposals. AH note AF had large scale map showing plans and approved/rejected planning proposals had been produced in the past and may still be available.

10. Next Meeting 3rd April 19:30 Jessel Room.

#	Date Raised	Description	Owner(s)	Target Date
27	5/12/16	Steering members to provide information around their involvement within the community and the length of time they have been in the parish.	Steering Members	Completed 3/1/17

		Not all members provided the information and a reminder email will be sent by CB to ensure completion by the next meeting.		
29	5/12/16	Draft questions to be provided by end January	LH, VA, EB, PR	Completed 31/1/17
33	5/12/16	LH to ask TWBC for details of change over the past 10+ years to enable a change map to be produced. Question asked and awaiting response from TWBC.	LH	Complete 15/3/17
35	3/1/17	Understand the timings of the requested housing needs survey and if we can influence those timings.	CB	Completed and issued 6/2/17
36	3/1/17	JB to provide an example for managing LHA from bridge	JB	Completed 6/2/17
37	3/1/17	AH will investigate the possibility using KALC to update the other parishes. Scheduled for 22/2 in Rusthall.	AH	Completed 6/2/17\M
38	3/1/17	BS to provide a plan for publicity to next steering	BS	Completed 6/2/17
39	3/1/17	CB to provide BS with logo Files	CB	Complete 6/2/17
40	3/1/17	AH to request update from AF around the provision of grants for the NDP activity	AH	Pending 6/2/17
41	3/1/17	A copy of the Rural Place Profile to be sent to all working group members	CB	Complete 6/1/17
42	6/2/17	BS to consider options for engaging schools in publicity for NDP	BS	Completed 6/3/17
43	6/2/17	CB to distribute the supplementary planning document for the G&K conservation area	CB	Complete 6/3/17
44	6/2/17	BS to create a list of meetings and events in the parish and schedule steering members to talk to these groups for regular updates	BS	Complete 6/3/17
45	6/2/17	Photo competition to be included in message to the NDP supporters	BS	Complete 6/3/17
46	6/2/17	CB to include photographic competition on website	CB	Complete 6/3/17

47	6/2/17	PR to review budget for cost of fete stall and advertising.	PR	Pending 6/3/17
48	6/3/17	RH to provide a list of email addresses for Business Survey distribution	RH	6/4/17
49	6/3/17	RH to attend questionnaire group to review business survey	RH	9/3/17
50	6/3/17	CB to understand the cost of Survey Monkey and organise the licence	CB	3/4/17
51	6/3/17	BS to produce a flyer for distribution at open meetings	BH	3/4/17
52	6/3/17	CB to discuss with AF the options for development maps for the parish	CB	3/4/17
53	6/3/17	BS to book accommodation for questionnaire drop-in sessions	BH	3/4/17
54	6/3/17	CB to investigate problems with submitting photos for the competition	CB	7/4/17
55	6/3/17	CB to discuss with the working groups the changed proposed the structure	CW/CB	7/4/17
56	6/3/17	CW/AF to attend the Men's Breakfast	CW/AF	10/3/17