

Minutes

GOUDHURST PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN GROUP

Steering Committee (SC) Meeting # 21

Monday April 16th 2018, 7.30 pm, Jessel Room

Present: Colin Willis (CW), Craig Broom (CB), Paul Griffin (PG), Linda Griffin (LG), Richard Hillier (RH), Adrian Smith (AS), Barbara Stafford (BS), , Jim Boot (JB), Peter Woods (PW), Guy Sutton (GS), Graham Hills (GH), Peter Woods (PW), Stephen Wickham (SW), Ed Bates (EB), John Leavens (JL), Shiona Gardiner (SG), Guy Sutton (GS), Michael Thornton (MT)

1. Apologies

Anthony Harris (AH), Victoria Aldwinkle (VA), Linda Hall (LH),

2. Minutes of Meeting # 17 (22/1/18) – Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

CW updated the meeting on the outcome of the photographic competition presentation evening which went well.

Action item 108 has not progressed and items 123, 125, 130 will be discussed in meeting

3. Feedback/Progress Reports:

3.1. Editorial Team

AS updated the group on the progress of the writer's team. To enable broader discussion the writers team have listed the policy statements along with the overall objectives and the detailed intent of the policy along with the sources of evidence. The objective is to explore and refine these with members of steering and GPC in meetings scheduled for:

- 9th May 19:30 Jessel Room
- 17th May 14:30 Jessel Room
- 21st May 14:30 Jessel Room

It is proposed that sometime in the next steering meeting will also be used for policy discussion. JB commented that he thought we had too many objectives and it was agreed that these should be reviewed in the coming workshop.

A copy of the initial chapters of the plan were provided to steering members in the papers for the 16th Meeting for review and comment.

3.2. Landscape Team

PW gave an update on the work of the Landscape Team. The Landscape Character Assessment is in progress and there are a variety of maps which provide a layered view of our Parish covering areas such as Ancient Woodland, Routeways, Field and Heath etc. Of the landscape types Goudhurst has 5 different land classifications. Green spaces have been identified and are being documented using the TWBC template. JB commented that Green Spaces have similar protections to green belt. There were discussions that the Hop Pickers line should be included in the list of Green Spaces but to qualify there has to be agreement with the landowner and for most of the Hop Pickers line this is unlikely to be achieved.

PW commented that farmers had not been widely consulted about the plan. Farming is a major component of our community and SW provided some background on the challenges farmers are facing. The use of redundant farm buildings and farm diversification will have an impact on our plan.

3.3. Sites Assessment team

RH updated the group noting that all 23 site visits had been completed and documented. Sites were categorized as Green – suitable for development, Amber – some potential but with problems and red – no potential for development. RH updated the meeting on all sites describing sites that were considered suitable. BS noted that the criteria on the website were an old version and should be removed. CB to remove.

The group discussed whether we should identify sites within our plan or leave site identification to TWBC. MT commented that we should discuss options with housing providers in both the market and social sectors to understand how delivery would be achieved if we were to identify sites. MT to provide contact.

We believe that TWBC have identified a single site in Goudhurst but this is yet to be confirmed and we also need to clarify our assessments with them. GH will complete the write-up of the overall process and a site comparison table for completeness.

4. Training workshop Sessions:

4.1. TWBC Planning Thursday April 26 1400

The meeting is designed to understand where TWBC are in their process. There are a number of rumours around the Local Plan timeline. CW commented he believed sites were still being identified under the call-for-sites activity. This, the proposed public consultation originally scheduled for June, the percentage of development planned for the rural parishes and the outcome of our sites review will be discussed with TWBC in a meeting on the 26th April.

4.2. Plan Options & Projects

Our alternative and options workshop will be held on April 28th between 0900 – 1300. The overall agenda was outlined at the previous meeting.

An Invite to all those who were involved in the autumn 2017 meetings will be sent and copy to the email list. CB to action. It will be advertised in the Parish magazine (CW) and Facebook (CB). We will need to engage people to deliver any identified projects and we will discuss this with past members of the working groups.

5. Next Public consultation

5.1. Launch evening Thursday May 24

The next public meeting will be on the 24th May in St Mary's Church. We have been advised that the insurance limit for meetings in the Parish hall is now 150 and in previous meetings we have exceeded this figure. The venue will be changed.

6. Date of Next Meeting(s):

April 15th 2018 7:30 Jessel Room – Steering

7. AOB

The meeting closed 09:20.

Outstanding Actions from meeting #20

#	Date Raised	Description	Owner(s)	Target Date
108	2/10/17	CW to look at engagement with the Forestry Commission and the National Trust	CW	Revised 08/01/18

123	13/12/17	CB to arrange housing workshop for January	CB	Complete
125	13/12/17	CB to arrange policy training for the writers	CB	Completed
130	19/2/18	CW to find an alternative date to judge the photographic competition.	CW	Completed
131	5/3/18	history society could be asked to write a one page history of the Parish for inclusion in the plan.	PG	Completed
132	5/3/18	Ensure that appropriate design components are included in our plan using Hawkhurst as a model	CB	Completed
133	5/3/18	CB to search for details of the Borough Assessment of sites in Goudhurst.	CB	Complete, not available
134	5/3/18	JB to organise meeting with TWBC in April to review sites	JB	Completed organized for 26 ⁴
135	5/3/18	JB to orgainise meeting with TWBC to discuss planning policies following release of our initial plan	JB	Completed organized for 26 ⁴
136	5/3/18	CB to organise a team to deliver open evening	CB	In progress
137	5/3/18	CB to book venue for Options and alternatives meeting	CB	Completed
138	5/3/18	CB to book Village hall for all parish meeting	CB	Completed
139	5/3/18	CB to distribute mechanisms and forms at next meeting.	CB	Deferred
140	5/3/18	An Invite to all those who were involved in the autumn 2017 meetings will be sent and copy to the email list, Parish magazine and facebook	CB/CW	Complete
141	16/4/18	CB to remove old version of site selection criteria	CB	Complete
142	16/4/18	MT to provide contact for developers and HA's	MT	16/5/18
143	16/4/18	GH will complete the write-up of the overall process and a site comparison table for completeness	GH	16/5/18