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NOTES OF MEETING

Meeting: Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting

Date & Time: Monday 10th July 2023 at 7.00pm

Place: Council Chamber, The New Town Hall, Commercial Road

PRESENT:

Chair: Cllr David Northam

Steering Group Members: Cllr Colin Huckle, Michael Bevan, Paul Weston, Penny Quilter, Phil Watts, Rob Cheeseman, Colin Marsh.

Project Support: Michele Williams, Jane Biscombe

Special Attendance:

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION	BY WHOM
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies:</p> <p>David welcomed everyone and explained that we would be having two presentations from Building Companies representing some of the areas identified in the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Anne Weaving and Jane Biscombe.</p>		
2.	<p>Minutes & Matters Arising:</p> <p>Minutes of last meeting held 12th June were approved subject to amendment.</p>	Amend and post on website	Michele
3.	<p>Presentations from Building Developers:</p> <p>This item is confidential so this not included in these notes.</p>		
4.	<p>Strategic Environmental Assessment:</p> <p>Paper discussed – Steering Group agreed the options but change to include Swannery Car Park.</p>		
5	<p>Dorset Council Meeting:</p> <p>Discussions were more positive, they we happier if sites were not identified for 100% Affordable Homes. Sarah Smith who has been commissioned to writing a new Housing Policy seems very positive about the process and similarly having struggles getting all 3 DC departments together at once.</p> <p>It was slightly a difficult meeting in terms of Nick C not being able to answer questions for his colleagues. Phil felt that DC were not aware</p>		

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	<p>of the seriousness of what the WNP is trying to do. It felt that DC as landowners thought they held all the power, but they should not underestimate the power of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Actions: Circulate the Site Review document. Contact Helen Heanes to chase meeting with the Assets Team. Chase Nick Cardnell for date of follow up meeting.</p> <p>Some questions raised as to why DC could not undertake their own environmental assessments, as part of the Levelling Up money from the government was to improve the risks of flooding to encourage development.</p>	<p>Circulate doc Chase mtg Chase mtg</p>	<p>Michele David David</p>
6.	<p>Discussion on Forward Plan to Reg 14:</p> <p>David discussed the timeline to get us to Reg 14, advising necessary to have SG meetings every 3 weeks as per the schedule to tie in with deadlines. David also explained that once we present the plan to DC they do not have any deadlines to respond so could be a waiting game.</p> <p>Rob asked if we can include how green our plan is. Public engagements are key not only during the Reg 14 consultation but also leading up to it, therefore agreed to hold min of 4 public engagements. Michele to support these.</p> <p>David also keen for a A4 doubled sided booklet to go out to every household – will need to wait to see if funding available for this. Keen for everyone on SG to take part so not left to only handful to undertake all.</p>		
7.	<p>Comms – Update & Endorsement of Local Green Spaces & Community:</p> <p>David had circulated paper and any comments to Michele by close of day 21st July 2023.</p>		
8.	<p>Local Green Space & WNP02 - Update:</p> <p>Colin explained that any future developments to take note of the tiers. Comments to Michele by close of day 21st July 2023.</p> <p>Rob asked if it could be redrafted to reference that – happy to include text to be sent to Michele.</p> <p>Paul is happy to work with individuals on an individual basis if necessary.</p> <p>David will send the link to the census information and how to use to SG.</p>		
9.	<p>Project Meeting:</p>		

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	Not yet planned – Michele to set up meetings.		
10.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>Colin M: Explained that we need to present our 3rd engagement – NEED to show what the responses were – could possibly include the difference in responses pre and post publication.</p> <p>Penny: Keen for us to hold engagements across whole of Weymouth to ensure that we have as wide a coverage of engagement with residents of ALL areas.</p>		
11.	<p>Dates of Future Meetings:</p> <p>Date: Monday 31st July 23 Time: 7pm Venue: Council Chamber</p> <p>Date: Monday 21st August 2023 Time: 7pm Venue: Council Chamber</p> <p>Date: Monday 18th September 2023 Time: 7pm Venue: Council Chamber</p> <p>Date: Monday 9th October 2023 Time: 7pm Venue: Council Chamber</p> <p>Date: Monday 13th November 2023 Time: 7pm Venue: Council Chamber</p> <p>Date: Monday 11th December 2023 Time: 7pm Venue: Council Chamber</p>		

Meeting ended at 9:18pm