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NOTES OF MEETING

Meeting: Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting

Date & Time: Monday 18th November 2024 at 7.00pm

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

PRESENT:

Chair: Cllr David Northam

Steering Group Members: Colin Marsh, Howard Atkinson, Lara Wood, Michael Bevan, Paul Barber, Penny Quilter, Rob Cheeseman

Project Support: Michele Williams, Jane Biscombe

Special Attendance:

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION	BY WHOM
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies:</p> <p>David welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Jon Orrell and Phil Watts.</p>		
2.	<p>Minutes & Matters Arising:</p> <p>Unfortunately due to the focus being on getting the draft Submission Plan ready the Minutes of last meeting held 21st October had not been checked and circulated. The notes will be reviewed and sent out for the Steering Group to agree via email within the next week.</p>		
3.	<p>Drop-In Event – Thursday 14th November:</p> <p>David thanked all those who were able to provide some support during the day, he felt although there had only been 23 attendees the conversations had were for the most positive.</p> <p>Some of the discussion points raised were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social housing - DC Housing Model and the housing requirements - Consideration of mid-rise council estates - Consideration of mid-rise development within town - What effects the government targets would have on the plan - Wyke Oliver site, still point of contention - Why do we need a Neighbourhood Plan - Explained what Neighbourhood Plan means for developers - Concerns over volume of traffic - S106 – how it is applied <p>Why the SFRA did not include Wyke / Budmouth sites, and that Lodmoor will be under water within 10 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flood waste and the lack of capacity to deal with 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Why is Chickerell not included in housing supply figures - Why is St Nicholas Street no longer included - Need for better access for cruise ships 		
4.	<p>Full Council Meeting – 20th November:</p> <p>Jane explained the set-up for the meeting, that there would be a roving microphone and the usual projector.</p> <p>Every member of the public including the SG members would have 3 minutes to talk, then David and Colin would present the item and have 5 minutes each for this, followed by every councillor who would also have the opportunity to speak for 3 minutes.</p> <p>If time allowed there would be the opportunity for the SG to answer any questions raised.</p> <p>Colin asked whether Dorset Council could decide not to ‘make’ the plan – the answer is No – if in the referendum the vote is to accept the plan then it will become ‘made’.</p> <p>The SG members were asked not to use any abbreviations whilst speaking.</p>		
5.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>Paul asked about whether Wyke Oliver should still be included when the developers have pulled out. Davd explained that the landowners are still keen on development and transfer of some land as green space.</p> <p>David informed the SG group that there was a new landowner of the Beverley Road site who was keen to provide 100% affordable homes and was looking at working with a housing association to enable this.</p> <p>Question raised on why some comments from Dorset Council not complied with – explained that we have taken those which deemed appropriate, many of the comments are best addressed when the developers’ make a formal planning application.</p>		
6.	<p>Dates of Future Meetings:</p> <p>Date: Monday 16th December 2024 Time: 6:30pm – 7:30pm then meal at The Red Lion Venue: Council Chamber</p>		

Meeting ended at 8:53pm