

THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 21st SEPTEMBER 2020 at 6.00PM VIA ZOOM CALL

Present: Councillors Carol Gibson (Chairman), Ann Mayling, Wendy Matthews, Peter Stanhope, Chris Jordan, Kevin Brown, Graham Young, Alan Wilson, Ciarán Beary

In attendance: Tom Barlow, Jim Skinner, Stephanie Bennett (Clerk).

NP.022/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Paula Carter, Tina Heath, Jan Rayner

NP.023/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

NP.024/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPTION

There was no representation made.

NP.025/20 MINUTES

RESOLVED that

Subject to spelling corrections the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th September, 2020 be agreed and signed by the Chairman

NP.026/20 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman provided an outline of the numerous large planning applications that the Parish Council was aware of and of the proposals released by Pinewood at the briefings held that day. Considerable discussions took place regarding the impact of the Pinewood development and how to both resist the development and mitigate against the effects on the local community. Of considerable concern was the number of proposed visitors and the increase in traffic/vehicle movements.

NP.027/20 DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The draft plan was considered and the following comments were made by the Sub – Committee:

- The plan appears to confuse Wood Lane and Wood Lane Close (IV4)
- Why have Shredding Green, Wood Lane South and Iver Lane not been included with Iver Village?
- Why has Thorney not been included in Richings Park
- Why has Wood Lane north not been included in Iver Heath
- We need to define the areas being discussed with maps shown
- Can we include policies for the data centres to re-use the heat generated?

- Can we advocate a community energy generation policy?
- Can the consultant explore places for the placement of solar panels/
- Can we include include policies for land use that incorporate renewable energy?
- There is an inconsistent use of HELAA in the document. HELAA was updated in Jan 2020 is this the version referred to?
- Where should housing be allocated bearing in mind that if the Local Plan fails to be adopted the government will tell us how many houses and where?
- 3.11-HELAA may be replaced by Gov't changes to planning. How much attention must we pay to C&SB data?
- Policy IV13 seems very long and detailed compared to the other policies and could benefit from being reduced in size.

The following was suggested for inclusion in the objectives:

- "Protect and enhance **all** valued open spaces...."
- "Encourage appropriate parking and traffic management and safety measures in Iver High Street and the centre of Iver Heath
- Include an objective for housing provision for local families and young people
- Include an objective to conserve trees and hedges where practicable
- Include an objective to improve air quality
- Include an objective to conserve and improve the environment and protect the green belt
- Include an objective to provide properties for retiring persons to downsize to

The Sub Committee moved to the next agenda item leaving 6b i – viii to be considered in NP.027/20

NP.028/20 SETTLEMENT GROUPS AND CONSULTATION

Cllr Ann Mayling reported on the work that the Communications and Engagement Task Team has been undertaking and emphasized the need to collect evidence of need for everything that we wished to include. This is not only technical but must address why we are including it ie what our consultation told us.

Considerable discussion was undertaken regarding the role of the settlement groups. All leads of the settlement groups reported that they had recruited a number of willing volunteers. Ann explained that once the Communications and Engagement Task Team had considered the evidence and information that was required it would be contacting the settlement groups to ask for help with specific data/feedback required. The Comms Group would co-ordinate all consultation to ensure that data would be collected and made available for the Planning Inspector in an appropriate format.

The first part of the process was for the sub committee to consider the questions outlined in agenda item 6bi-viii and feedback to Ann on their thoughts. The Comms group will then consider the consultation channels for each question and get back to the

settlement groups for assistance. This would be a very busy time and resources would be required by all. It was planned to subscribe to Survey Monkey however everyone was reminded that diversity and inclusion must be demonstrated. The Comms Group was intending to recommend 1 to 1 engagement with local businesses to and is likely to request translation service assistance.

Sub committee members were asked to flag up to Ann where there were considerations that were very local to an area so that the consultation and engagement strategy can include appropriate methods.

It was envisaged that the other two task teams would pick up tasks from the consultation work to be undertaken.

Other points in summary:

- The Neighbourhood Plan is living document and we are able to review and add further detail to a refresh of the Plan. If we focus on getting some basic protections in in our first Plan we can then add further detail in the future whilst those protections can commence as soon as possible
- We cannot get the detail together for a complex plan in a short time frame and we currently do not have consultant resources
- We need to focus on 'teasing out' the need and the evidence for the aspirations that we have ie what does the Iver Heath Village hall project mean? Have we got agreement from the land owners?
- Our schedule of questions for consultation will be on two levels – a whole area approach and then more specific for a designated area
- We will receive information that does not relate to planning however that will not be irrelevant or discarded as it will inform a community strategy to be developed by the Parish Council
- There is an absolute requirement to consult, to be inclusive and to collect evidence
- The sub committee was reminded that the inspectors reports are very detailed and we need to meet the level required for their scrutiny
- In the first instance we need to speak with as broad a spectrum of people as possible. We will use social media and explain what we are doing and how to get involved
- Part of the role of the Comms Team will be to challenge the sub committee where there is a lack of evidence of need
- We are facing challenges due to Covid but we can do this
- The current priorities of Comms are:
 - Raise awareness and encourage engagement
 - Develop content for focus groups
 - Develop and evidence base and a publicly accessible depository of info

NP.029/20 ACTION PLAN

The following list summarises the actions to be undertaken:

- Clerk to feedback initial response to consultants
- Ciaran to provide Ann a list of volunteers for the Iver Village settlement group
- Alan to provide Ann with the diagram of the Iver Heath settlement group
- Clerk to resend the previous briefing notes and T of R provided by the Comms team
- Clerk to send all the results of the initial survey
- All to provide initial responses to questions to Ann by end of Friday and cc Clerk
- Clerk to book survey monkey

Next meetings 19 October 2020, 16 November 2020 and 14 December 2020. All starting at 6.00pm

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

Signed Chairman

Date