

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CRANBROOK & SISSINGHURST
NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN STEERING GROUP HELD ON 28th
JANUARY 2019

PRESENT: Cllr. Warne (in the Chair), Cllrs. Cook and Veitch. Jeremy Boxall, Nem Goodman, Matthew Warne, Annie Hopper, Tally Wade, June Bell, Rebecca Cassidy, Liz Daley (in part).

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Kemp, Smith and Fletcher. Marcus Boret, Lee Hatcher,

The Chairman read out the following statement:

Members are required to declare any interests, dispensations, predetermination or lobbying on items on this agenda. Members are reminded that changes to the Register of Interests should be notified to the Clerk.

Cllr. Warne declared an interest under the site assessments regarding site 122 which had been put forward by a relative.

Cllr. Warne, Annie Hopper, and June Bell all declared a personal interest as members of the CVLT (Crane Valley Land Trust), Tally Wade and Matthew Warne also declared an interest as Directors of the CVLT. Annie Hopper and Liz Daley declared an interest as Members of the Brick Kiln Advisory Group.

1. Co-Option of Mr Marcus Boret and Ms Rebecca Cassidy:

The Chairman proposed that Mr Marcus Boret and Ms Rebecca Cassidy be co-opted on to the Steering Group, seconded by Cllr. Cook and agreed unanimously.

2. TWBC/KCC Liaison:

Cllr. Warne expressed concern that there was duplication of work and effort undertaking site allocations as it is being done by both Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and the Steering Group. Stephen Baughen had confirmed at December's PC meeting that he felt it was necessary for Tunbridge Wells Borough Council to undertake this work as there could not be a gap on the Local Plan. Tally Wade read out information which was available on the local government website regarding this topic which would be forwarded to all members.

The Chairman informed members that she had applied for a grant from Locality towards a package of technical support to help go forward.

Further concern was expressed by Cllr. Warne at the lack of support by the Planning Department and it was agreed that herself and Cllr. Veitch should have a meeting to discuss this issue with Tom Dawlings the Local Borough Councillor.

Cllr. Warne reported that the Highways meeting with Vicky Hubert had yet to be arranged.

3. Housing Needs Survey:

Cllr. Warne reported that she had not yet received the final report from AECOM on the Housing Needs Survey. Julia Blest from Locality will chase this up on behalf of the Steering Group.

4. Site Assessments & Allocations – Next Steps:

Annie Hopper gave an update on progress to date. The date for the site assessments to be completed was today and many had been received or would be forwarded in the next few days which is a great achievement by all involved. The Chairman explained that there may be other sites forthcoming. Cllr. Veitch commented that it would be a courtesy to let the land owners know if their land was being considered. It was agreed to hold a workshop to go through the site assessments on 7th and 8th March 2019 9am – 5pm. The Deputy Clerk would check the diary and confirm.

5. Revised Project Timetable:

The Chairman gave a power point presentation giving all the relevant dates regarding the revised project timetable which is attached to these minutes.

Cllr. Warne explained that there was a grant available from Locality for support on the Strategic Environmental Assessments and this would be applied for in the near future.

It was agreed to seek support from the Parish Council before sending the draft policies to outside bodies. A link is attached so that these can be viewed by all on the NDP web page.

<https://cranbrookandsissinghurstndp.co.uk/evidence/>

Discussion then took place on the cost of printing and distribution of the Draft Policy Document. Tally Wade agreed to obtain quotes for the printing of the document and cost of Royal Mail to undertake delivery.

It was agreed to look in to the availability of the Vestry Hall Cranbrook and St. Georges Institute Sissinghurst during May for the next Public Exhibition.

6. Policy Development:

The Chairman explained that not all policies had been written such as site specific policies and there was still some work to do on policies in the future.

7. Public Engagement:

Parish Cake – The Chairman had written an article to be published in the next edition of Parish Cake due for publication in March. She explained it was an update on how the NDP is progressing and information about the timing of the publication of the draft plan and public consultation period.

Colliers Green – The Public Engagement Event which had been held at Colliers Green had been an informative and lively affair with a bonus that two new members of the local community now served on the Steering Group.

Hartley – A very similar Public Engagement Event took place at Hartley and it is hoped that a representative may be forthcoming from this area. The Chairman reported that she had already been approached by a Hartley resident wishing to be involved.

Regulation 14 Draft Consultation - Different types of communication were discussed and it was agreed to hold a Communication Sub Committee meeting to look at all ideas.

8. Stakeholder Engagement:

Cranbrook School – The Chairman advised that she had been contacted by Gordon Young to discuss the site master plan for the school. It was agreed that Liz Daley and the Chairman would meet with school representatives in the near future to discuss.

CVLT – Mark Wade gave a very well attended presentation. A copy of the power point presentation would be forwarded to all the Steering Group.

Persimmon – Liz Daley gave an update of a recent meeting with Tom Ashley from Persimmon and they were looking at the layout of the site, design of properties, and traffic movement. A 30mph speed limit would be implemented from Glassenbury Road to the other side of the Weald Sports Centre.

9. Items for Information:

Community Centre – A member of the Committee raised the question if there would also be room to include a market square at this location. Cllr. Veitch replied that there is certainly space for a Farmer’s Market and that she was open to all ideas however consultation would not begin until the ownership of the site was finalised.