

Meeting Minutes – **Shaftesbury, Melbury Abbas and Cann Neighbour Hood Plan**  
15 May 2014

**Attendees:-**

Bernie Ede  
Mick Hicks  
Catherine Loveday  
John Parker  
Clare Pestell  
Karen Tippins – Cllr – (minute taker)  
Matthew  
Pierre Jordaan  
Rachel Caldwell  
Richard Tippins – Cllr - (Chair)

**Location: -**

Shaftesbury Town Hall

**Date & Time:-**

15<sup>th</sup> May 2014; 19:00-21:00

1. **Policy Options.** Meeting started with a detailed review of the **Shaftesbury, Melbury Abbas and Cann Neighbourhood Plan (3 page A3 document from NDDC – Trevor & Sarah)**. This document is split into 3 columns; column 1 is to be completed by NDDC; column 2 and 3 had sections marked in Red – which were NDDC’s suggestion of items to be completed by Shaftesbury.
2. **Agreement to do all ‘Red’ Policy Items.** All items on the Policy Options Document in Red were agreed to be completed by Shaftesbury/Melbury Abbas & Cann and table below shows who are the leads for completing these activities.
3. **Timelines by NDDC:** Column 1 of the document from NDDC: **Policy Option Part 1** – this is the strategy policy; Part 2 is the detail once the plan is adopted from NDDC. NDDC timeframe:-
  - o **Part 1** –

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- **NDDC to** Submitted in May;
- guidelines end of Feb;
- review and adjust and final version to be produced end May;
- Adopt Part 1 End of 2014.
- **Action:- RT to find status of Part 1**

- o **Names Allocated to Part 2 Policy Options** – The sections in ‘Red’ have been suggested by NDDC to be completed by teams on Shaftesbury Neighbourhood Planning; the following table indicates who has been allocated to which role.

No.	Policy Items marked ‘Red’	Comments	Lead Person Allocated
1	Review the Shaftesbury Conservation Sub Area Policies (Local Plan 2003 saved policies SB2 to SB6)	This is a review of the Shaftesbury Conservation Sub Area Policies – John Parker agreed to conduct this review.	John Parker
2	Review saved Policy 1.7 (settlement boundary) of the Local Plan 2003 for the town of Shaftesbury (Inset Map 37)	It was agreed that this is controversial and potentially a lot of work. Discussion held to leave settlement boundary ‘as is’ and perform a quick review of Shaftesbury; need to get a map (Map 37) that includes villages – need clarification of what exactly needs to be done – restricting or easing the boundary. There will be different themes for Melbury and Cann; need to take advise on actual scope of boundary.	Clare Pestell (?) Get map and obtain clarification on what doing – restricting or easing the boundary. Advise needed on scope of boundary
3	Allocate Regeneration on O/S base Map	Cattle Market – Identify areas for Re-generation	Pierre Jordaan
4	Defining Town Centres; Primary Shopping Areas and Shopping Frontages	Catering for new ways to do business. Lead for this should come from Chamber of Commerce. <b>Action: Richard to ask James Hughes</b>	James Hughes ( <b>tbc by RT</b> )
5	Review saved Policy SB9 (Access requirements for land east of Shaftesbury)	Linkages with the town centre; ideas of BE/JP to putting in a bridge	Bernie Ede John Parker
6	Review saved Policy 4.3 (Community Buildings) of the Local Plan 2033	Community buildings/leisure centre/barton hill trust	Pierre Jordann

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7	Identify land for new doctors surgery or expansion or relocation of existing	Currently don't use the top floor of Abbey view; against satellite building for surgery; review putting in lifts; <b>Action: RT to ask Anthony Austin (lead on Patient Group) to lead.</b>	Anthony Austin <b>(tbc RT)</b>
8	Review future cemetery and burial ground needs in the town.	Comments made regarding Germany/Scandinavia creative use – eg burials in forests; churches and Funeral Directors to be consulted.	Bernie Ede John Parker
9	Identify network of green infrastructure including: 1) a review of saved policy 1.9 (IOWA) of the Local Plan 2003 2) identifying informal recreation of space associated with the development of sit to the east of the town 3) identifying additional allotments 4) <i>Bernie requested adding : SUDS design principle</i>	Request to add another item – SUDs design principle; need to put forward a proposal for 20 years of location of allotments – look into using the location of the By-Pass for allotments	Bernie Ede John Parker

- 4. Melbury Abbas:** Claire Pestell gave the group an update on the issues regarding Melbury Abbas, which include
- o Rural housing
  - o Lack of Affordable Housing
  - o Mix of society; don't want retirement only; want young families
  - o No heart to the village; there is a requirement for a village hall; however, no flat land – difficult to get 100% acceptance
  - o Many families move out; no shop; most people come to Shaftesbury to shop
  - o Good to have a community shop eg a Farm Shop
  - o Discussions around how to make rural villages more sustainable eg introduce a Farm Shop; tourism?
  - o Vast area – but not many people; not going to have a surgery, or supermarket; don't need a settlement boundary
  - o Younger members do not stay in the village
    - People want to stay in the villages
    - Requirement for smaller development

**Action:: Claire Pestell to review Common Planning Objectives with Melbury Abbas**

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5. **Road Map Headings.** At the meeting we had a review of the Road Map Headings and noted the following actions
- **Employment** – not enough in Shaftesbury. discussion held regarding the idea/proposal for Employment on Sth A30 – NDDC Policies 11 and 12 – Land is  $\frac{3}{4}$  owned by Persimmons and  $\frac{1}{4}$  owned by NDDC; Persimmons not interested in building on Employment Land – need to find 1 buyer; empty employment Land; no commercial buyer would want to buy; no interest at the moment – not going to buy with no anchor tenant. Ideas debated by the group included:-
    - Marketing the Land; no one wants to buy this land at the moment
    - Need to consider change of usage to a:-
      - College
      - Care Home
  - Town Centre & Retail
  - Housing & Community facilities
  
  - Urban Design – Landscape Design
  
  - **Historic Environment** – **Action: Matthew to link with Chamber of Commerce to determine planning objectives policy;** Protecting & enjoying asset ad resource; currently under utilised – Shaftesbury currently viewed as a ‘tired and shabby’ town – need to look into promotion and tourism to make move successful; project opportunities for art; sculptures and street furniture.
    - Theme Project; how this can be ‘upped’ regarding tourism – ie what can be changed – seating/signage/replace trees/art work/sculptures/street furniture. – planning policy protects historic
  
  - Natural Environment
  
  - Transport – **Action: Richard to look into what is required here**

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6. Gold Hill Festival Data – June '13. Action:- Mick Hicks and Matthew to collate the data collected at last June '13 Gold Hill festival – put the feedback into a format to be able to be used at Neighbourhood planning sessions to look into using for designing a Questionnaire.
7. Next Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> July; Town Hall; Mayors Parlour – 7:00 – 9:00pm

Minutes by  
K Tippins