

Attendees

Bernie Ede
John Parker
Jackie Upton King
Piers Brown
Richard Tippins
Rachel Caldwell
Karen Tippins
Simon Rutter
Simone Markham

Apologies

Matthew Tagney
Jo Francis
Mick Hicks
Phil Proctor

Observer

Richard Thomas

1. Obtaining a Planning Consultant

- o Discussion was held regarding obtaining assistance in writing the Neighbourhood Plan, starting with a Framework. Leads requested an outline of a document which they could then populate.
- o Priority given to formulating Objectives and Policies to hand over to the Planning Consultant.
- o There are two Planning Consultant firms in Dorset – all agreed engagement of a Planning Consultant now to help the NHP progress
- o All agreed, definition of Projects could come later.
- o S Rutter did not have anything more to add for the ‘Housing’ section
- o **Action – RT to engage a planning consultant**

2. Open Spaces

- o Target to protect all open spaces, views and footpaths
- o Jackie currently looking at views, woodland and private land to preserve open spaces around Cann/Melbury Abbas
- o Enquiry by Design had good policies; areas of open private land need to be kept open for visual and environment reasons.
- o Currently at inventory stage, looking at what are the assets and mapping to the policy.
- o **Action – JP/BE/JUK to provide committee with inventory of Open Spaces/Owners/Location to start list for inclusion in NHP**

3. Historic

- o Dark Sky policy was discussed review of historic information provided for Blandford.
- o **Action** – RT to review historic section of NHP in Thame and Blandford to see if anything can be used in our NHP

4. Rural

- o Working with Jackie compiling list of rural areas needing special protection.
- o Looking at Positive Planning – concentrating on where we want development to go.
- o Will provide RT with final objectives and policies in the next two weeks to be passed on to the Planning Consultant

- o **Action:** SM to provide RT with policies & objectives

5. Next Steps

- o Each of the leads were requested to look at their draft Objectives produced prior to the questionnaire process and to cross reference the objectives to the Interim Neighbourhood Plan results for their section
- o The leads have been ask to validate that their objectives still stand up and to start to formulate policies.
- o Objectives and Policies to be formulated by the group and all agreed Projects could be added later
- o Everyone agreed that it was right to hire a Planning Consultant asap to write the Planning Policy for us.

- o **Action:** All Leads to produce Policies and Objectives for their areas to pass onto RT to hand over to the Planning Consultant.

Dates for next meeting: TBD (dependent on Planning Consultant)

Minutes by
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7th April 2016