

Shaftesbury Neighbourhood Plan Group

Notes of meeting on Wednesday 16 May 2012

1. Present: Diana West in the chair
Dorset Partnership for Older People Project
Rachel Caldwell Shaftesbury Civic Society/Shaftesbury
resident
Tim Cook Shaftesbury Town Council
Lester Dibben Shaftesbury Town Council
Mick Hicks Shaftesbury Town Council
Brenda Innes Shaftesbury Civic Society/Shaftesbury
resident
Martin Lee Motcombe
Heather Sanger Shaftesbury Youth Club/Shaftesbury
resident
Jan Scott Shaftesbury Civic Society/Shaftesbury
resident

Mick Hicks and Brenda Innes had shown interest in the group and been invited to join. Steve Clinch (Shaftesbury Town Council) present as observer.
2. Apologies Keith Hodder, Shaftesbury Youth Club/Shaftesbury resident
3. Notes of last meeting Agreed.
4. Matters arising
Diana confirmed that she had sent a press release to the BVM. She also intended to send to Jacqueline Flexney-Briscoe, Chairman of Shaftesbury Chamber of Commerce. She had set up the e-mail address.

Lester Dibben undertook to provide copies of the map set up by the Infrastructure Group. This shows the locations of properties in the possession of the various local authorities: County, District and Town.
5. Review draft Terms of Reference
All members had received copy. At line 127 it was agreed that the group has the autonomous status. The document was then accepted and will be sent to Shaftesbury Town Council (through Nikki Merefield) for information.
6. Consideration of Themes
Diana introduced paperwork from meetings held by Shaftesbury Task Force in autumn/winter on the subject of Neighbourhood Planning. Also a record of the meeting held by Shaftesbury Town Council.

Agreed to put on an event to involve the public. It is important to include tourism and Chamber of Commerce.

Tim spoke on the Town Team, working to set up a submission bid for 'Portas Pilot' money. The bid carries a very tight time scale. Points include :

a milk float train, Town Council support for bids for grants, long stay car park on a suitable site, retailers to cater more for 20-40 age group, 3D map in car parks, signage to town from a distance (e.g. A.303), lunchtime buses from industrial estate to shops, I Phone app for the town, jugglers/buskers on certain events, art and craft master classes, skate shop, shops to give discount vouchers.

Tim gave news of interest by Shaftesbury School. Nick Baker is setting up a questionnaire for students to fill in (years 10 and 11), Diana took a copy to send out by e-mail. Young people would like a milk shake bar such as 'Shakeaway' among other things.

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Lester expressed the hope that property at The Crown (currently on the market) could be used – held by Community Land Trust.

The Town Team is meeting weekly.

A 'Have a Say' day may take place in June. It will be in the Guildhall as a Drop-in and Diana suggested we might have a table where we could exhibit information, e.g. Task Force themes. 'Have a Say' may also be positioned outside a school.

Diana hoped that our group might be joined by a representative from the Town Team.

Jan enquired whether there any plans to integrate the Eastern Development. This was answered by the intention to extend cycle routes to serve the area, and to have bus routes internally in the development. However, the spine road is not yet completed.

7. Next steps

Information which had been sent out to members included: RCCE Interim Guidance Notes and the Jeff Bishop Report. Martin suggested we should stick to one of these.

Diana considered we should meet Trevor Warwick (NDDC)

Jan asked how we should proceed with meeting costs. It was agreed we have need of a treasurer. Lester offered to take advice from Yeovil College where work has been done and he will try to pull out data.

Funds will be needed for printing and advertising, and for the public meeting which we will probably hold in the autumn.

8. Any other business

It was agreed that a record of consultation will be required to use for the eventual presentation.

Tim asked that information should be sent to the surrounding villages. He and Lester had already visited Semley and introduced the subject of neighbourhood planning. If this is repeated in other parishes they can discuss and decide whether to be included.

Diana will send letters to parish clerks and Lester and Tim will go on follow-up visits.

Martin asked about the distinction between community planning and neighbourhood planning. The group accepted that a 5-year life would be suitable.

Diana will bring the list of contacts up to date.

9. Date of next meeting

It was considered that Wednesday should be considered as a good day for meetings.

There was discussion over the time for these, but no conclusion was reached.

The next meeting will be held in the Mayor's Parlour on Wednesday 6 June at 4.15 pm.