

20181221-Notes from NP SG Meeting 18 Dec

Attendance:

Richard Carrow - Councillor and Chairman NP Steering Group
Daniela Dillon - Resident
Tony Garland - Resident
Cliff James - Councillor
Sharon Rendall - Resident
Chris Saint - Treasurer Pinder Recreational Trust
Alison Stanton - Resident

Apologies:

Steve Bungay - Resident
Peter Harvey - Chairman Burghclere Parish Council
Denis Matthews - Resident
Belinda Redpath - Resident

General public observers:

Mike & Joan Attenborough-Cox
Doug & Liz Ellis
Geoff & Jan Morton
Angie & Roger Tapper

Declarations of Interest. As a property owner backing onto Breach Copse SR recused herself from Item 1.

1. **Breach Copse.** RC noted that the objections to Breach Copse being proposed as a Local Green Space had stemmed from the NP SG, and that consideration of its future had to be resolved in the same forum. He apologised to those in attendance for the failure to consult them as stakeholders before the latest public engagement, for which he, as Chairman, took responsibility. This would be recorded in the Notes of the Meeting. RC proposed that the proposal that Breach Copse be considered as Local Green Space be withdrawn, which was unanimously agreed.

2. Drop In Session.

- Summary. Very good participation, assessed at 80+ residents over both 9 & 16 Dec. A range of views were recorded on the questionnaires and noted from verbal discussions. The results are still being tabulated and would be circulated among the SG, and subsequently the Parish Council and parishioners in the New Year.
- Lessons Learned.
 - Notification. Most felt that it has generally worked well; it was acknowledged some had not got flyers, but that mention in the Parish magazine, nextdoor.com, the road signs, and word of mouth were largely successful.
 - Website. RC noted that the inability of the Parish Council website to host NP SG material had been a source of frustration for nearly 2 months despite the best efforts of the Parish Clerk to resolve. CJ reported that he and Tim Robson are currently working on adapting the village website for future use by the Parish Council and NP SG. This would allow public access to documents, presentation material etc and also permit electronic feedback including, as SR suggested, email comments. This would also help those unable to attend on a given date but still wished to contribute.
 - Information. Comments about both too much and too little information were noted. All accepted that while it was a difficult balance to strike, future public engagement might display less, and publicise in advance where more background information could be found.
 - Maps. RC had spoken with the consultants about maps. He was assured that the maps in the final plan would be undertaken by B&DBC using their GIS to guarantee statutory compliance. While B&DBC has assisted with certain maps, for most purposes at this level of detail maps available in the public domain (DEFRA's Magic Map, Ordnance Survey and Google Maps) sufficed for general display.

- RC thanked all the members of the SG for their excellent contribution and support over the two Drop In Sessions.

3. **Next Steps.**

- (1) All were invited to reread the OH Vision Workshop Note - June 2018 (final), which will be reconsidered in Jan. RC will in the meantime provide specific pointers to the different TGs (Housing, Environment, Business and Facilities). The SG need to complete the reports required, although good progress had been made.
- (2) RC had suggested to OH that the SG might examine infrastructure issues; such as sewerage, water drainage, internet access and mobile phone coverage among others. OH advised that any study of such topics should relate to policy proposals. This will be reconsidered in the New Year, perhaps in conjunction with the SEA.
- (3) DD had broached developing a logo for the NP with Burghclere Primary School, who were willing to take this on. She and RC would visit the school in the New Year to provide guidance.
- (4) On considering future public engagement the group agreed that it would be beneficial at some time in Mar/early Apr 19. RC undertook to examine with OH the most appropriate basis for doing so.
- (5) RC explained that DM had recently made the bid for the SEA and additional funding. It was expected that it would take up to a month to set up the SEA, which would be undertaken by consultants working for AECOM. They would engage with the SG and stakeholders such as water, power and others over a 6-week consultation period. This would lead to the development of the draft plan, part of which would be drawn up in parallel.

4. **AOB.** None.

5. **Next meeting.** The next NP SG meeting will be held at 1700 hours on 17 Jan in the Portal Hall.