

Minutes No.54: Alvechurch Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting



Date: Wed 25 January 2017

Venue: Hopwood Community Hall 10:00 am

Present: John Cypher, Peter Freeman, Alan Helmore, Andy Humphries, Adrian Smith (Chair), Helen Smith (BDC), Dorothy Snaddon, Marc Worrall

Apologies: Tom Thurrell

Prior to the meeting proper, there was a brief discussion on agendas. Today's agenda was specifically geared to reviewing policy topic 3. Future SG agendas would follow a more detailed structure covering most areas of the project.

1. Minutes from last meeting (23 November 2016):

No adverse comments since last meeting but not formally agreed and signed.

Outstanding actions:

- Cheryl Welsh to suggest suitable dates for a village centre site visit
- Cheryl Welsh to check the APNP for 'appropriateness' regarding suggested village centre improvement suggestions
- Sign Nov 2016 minutes

2. Bromsgrove DC District Plan

HS confirmed this was on the agenda for formal adoption this evening (25/1/17). Likely to be available to BDC planners immediately though possibility of legal challenge. AS asked about copies for APC...2/3 would be available, plus one at Alvechurch Library and online.

Actions:

- HS/AS to arrange copies for the NPSG
- SG members to complete policy "homework" by checking policies v the new District Plan
- APC to consider a public statement reaffirming the Web Heath / Bordesley position

3. APNP Policy topic 3

Original and revised versions of topic 3 compared. Discussion on pros and cons of separating health and education policies in APNP14. Both very important local issuesreference to social media comments and feedback from the NP consultation. **Agreed** that Policy 14 would include sub-policies 14A health and 14B education. JC had done a further revised version of the health policy to include a reference to Health Impact Assessments. Agreed general wording would be based on "Provision of and improvement to health care and educational services....."HS recommended a check on relevant wording in the Heathfield NP and agreed to forward a link.

Actions:

- AS and JC to draft policy changes and circulate to AlanH / PF / MW
- General emphasis on beefing up policy justifications and minimising introductions / policy aims
- Replacement of "aims" with "intentions" wherever appropriate we decided to keep aims
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- AndyH to confirm pupil rolls / catchment areas

Discussion re Page 5 re public feedback...agreed to delete "Newer housing" comment.

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Discussions re separating detail on designated local green spaces from open spaces. Agreed to separate these in different policies and for HS to send links in other NPs and a reference to a BDC review of Open Spaces.

Actions:

- AS / JC to draft policy wording changes to reflect this separation and circulate to AlanH / PF / MW
- HS to send appropriate links etc

Policy 17 title amended to omit references to Open Spaces. Need to stress developers will be expected to contribute towards sports and recreation development in the Parish.

Action:

- APC to review existing material on sports and recreation strategy (eg Wiggin Development Plan) at YSR Committee

AS noted that some other NPs had been advised by their examiners to group Community Actions together rather than in each policy section. The general feeling was that adding them at the end of policy sections made understanding easier.

A policy of encouraging greater collaboration between potential developers, Parish Councils and local communities was generally favoured but not within topic 3. Agreed that this was better either in housing or even better as a stand-alone policy since it would apply to more than just housing developments.

4. Finance

Not discussed.

5. AOB

DS had received material on local wildlife numbers and comments from WCC and WWT. AS was incorporating these into the evidence base and draft plan. DS was thanked for sourcing this extra environmental information.

HS noted a new planning application...for 9 dwellings on the Brickyard site.

JC / AS summarised recent cross-Parish NP discussions, led by Hagley Cllr Steve Colella. The group had recently met Sajid Javid to ask him to press BDC to instigate the Green Belt review and confirm future housing numbers.

HS noted that the GB review methodology would soon be circulated for comments.

AH noted that the draft LTP4 contained little material on Alvechurch, despite previous comments from the Parish Council. Agreed that APC should seek a meeting with the authors to review issues like the A441 and the railway station..

Date of next SG meeting – Wed 22 February 2017