

Notes from Winchfield Neighbourhood Development Plan Review Steering Group and Working
Group #10

Monday 10th May 2021 – zoom telecon

Present:

Christine Strudwick
Sarah Garwood
Linda Goddard
Cllr Kate Stewart
Bill Fraser
Rod Summerfield
Cllr Meyrick Williams

WNDPRSG.

Meyrick gave a brief update on the Housing Needs Survey (HNS) draft report which has just come in from Action Hampshire, all feedback and comments to Meyrick please by 12th May. Meyrick will collate and consolidate comments and send to Mags for her return from holiday on 17th May. It is annoying that the HNS has to use 2011 census data but Winchfield has not grown significantly since then so it will not have too much impact on the data. We are aiming for a clean report with 'no jargon' to start a conversation with WPC and HDC. There was a quick debate on some of the findings in the report.

10.1 response to Action Hampshire on draft HNS. Meyrick

Following approval from Winchfield Parish Council (WPC) to proceed Meyrick has made an application to Locality for further grant funding to support HNS and Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) part 2. The areas we have suggested for Local Green Space (LGS) designation will be assessed as part of the agreed scope for part 2. John and Karla will be making a second site visit w/c 17th. Locality have offered technical support but Meyrick believes that they understand why we are using the Consultants we have used, very successfully, before at Public Examination of the HDC Local Plan.

10.2 applications for Locality grants. Meyrick

WNDPRWG.

Discussion about text to be used in 'Contact' June edition to invite people to attend the Public Engagement (PE) meeting on 10th July. Bills suggested text was supported and Christine will work on this ready for circulation to the WG before submission to the Editors early in June. It was agreed that we shall talk about the threat of SHGV and will ask Nick (JBA Consultant) for guidance on words. We really need people to come and understand what we are doing and why it is so important that they support us.

10.3. Text to be submitted to Contact by 4th June. Christine

It was agreed to leave HNS and LCA findings until a future public meeting; as we have been unable to have community engagement meetings there is a lot to be covered at this first one. At a later date we will upload the LCA and the HNS to the WPC website so that we can refer to these in the handout to attendees.

It was also agreed that we should do another flyer delivery mid-June to remind people about the meeting. We must include WPC website address

10.4. Design and circulate flyer. Christine. Also A3 and A4 posters for notice boards and other sites (Sarah's fence etc.)

We briefly discussed SHGV 'Thematic Groups' and the HDC consultation which is due to be sent out on 24th May.

10.5 Meyrick suggested that he would circulate to the WG some slides he had prepared about SHGV for a previous meeting with other Parish Councils– we might adapt these for use at the PE meeting. Done

There was some discussion about how much housing Winchfield actually wants; perhaps the same statement as used in NDP 2017 is still relevant? 'a development, on a brownfield site, similar in size to Beauclerk Green would be considered'

We must help people understand why the NDP is so important; Meyrick reminded us that the Pale Lane appeal application to Secretary of State was denied with the Examiner referring to the recent Hartley Wintney NDP. Our revised NDP will be our best chance to influence at examination, we must get as many areas designated as 'protected' as we can. The LCA must be in accord with the NDP.

Open items

9.2 Christine is compiling an e-mail which will flag all of our requests for changes to LCA part one when she and Meyrick meet with John Jeffcock next month. Done

Baseline data work and research.

Rod is now researching the canal SSSI to see if we can establish definite boundaries and if the 'surrounding SSSI' status can provide additional protection now that we have so many visitors. Rod gave us an update of his findings and will be writing a full report. Rod shared some interesting statistics about the canal and why it is such a hugely important site of biodiversity. Of the 32 miles of the canal, the three miles we have in this Parish are particularly important. Visitor numbers (pre-Covid) worked out at 3900 – 4500 per SSSI mile per month! 25% of Hart is 'protected'. Meyrick asked if Rod could write a 'stand-alone' report and if it would need to be peer reviewed? Perhaps by HBIC or John (Michelle Bolger)?

Sarah and Lynda have been researching history in the north of the Parish. Sarah will ask Liz Wood if she would like to keep a diary and record all the flora and fauna that she sees in her (very) wild field. Liz is very knowledgeable so this could support the lists we have from HBIC and perhaps provide them some updated information.

Lynda has made contact with Rev Bradley's son Andrew about the thesis he wrote on Winchfield which was a wonderful study but unfortunately it seems that there is no longer a copy. Lynda will ask again as Rod said that thesis storage is usually taken very seriously by universities and it could be that it is still to be found. If not Lynda will ask if he could just do some 'bullet points' of what he remembers as that might help us to find some information we didn't know about.

9.3 Lynda to contact Andrew Bradley again. Sarah and Lynda will continue their searches and send a couple of brief notes to Christine about their findings so far. **Lynda has circulated the brief**

notes that Andrew Bradley was able to provide, we will try to find out some more information in due course. Ongoing

9.4 Bill is coming home at the end of June and will start to do some more research later this summer.

9.5 ‘What do the kids remember?’ – This might prompt some interesting discussions when we can have our Community Engagement meeting. **Christine will compile some notes based on input from Sarah and others residents who have been here for a long time. We will use these at the PE meeting. Ongoing**

9.6 Christine has been talking to a local lady who might become our NDP designer. Closed. Christine advised the group that we have a new designer to assist with our NDP requirements, Chantel Tompkins who lives in The Hurst.

9.7 Content for the boards which will display our work is being compiled in readiness for our meeting on 10th July. Ongoing

Who owns the land between Moor Cottage, Ferney Hoolett and Plovers Moss? We think it is ‘the Malcolm’s’.

9.9 Kate will try to find out and Christine will try Land Registry if anything is available there. Ongoing

9.10 Christine reported that Louise Hodgetts might be able to make contact with the owners of ‘**Shapley Ponds Copse**’. If they are agreeable we would like to get this area registered as a SINC if we can. Update is that the land is owned by a syndicate and the lakes are ‘stocked’, it is unlikely that we can get SINC designation as the planting is mostly recent and rhododendrons have been allowed to take over. **We might be able to get a lesser protection designated. Ongoing**

8.2 Christine will circulate ideas and suggestions for the boards/layout as necessary for committee feedback. Ongoing

7.2 All, please note anything that you see which might be added to a ‘local list’ as being of special interest to Winchfield. Ongoing.

7.3. There are some projects which we can research now which will add substance to the NDP at a later date. Ongoing

These include:

Plotting trees and hedges to see if we should be requesting more designations, TPOs, SINC, ancient woodland etc. Rod and Kate. Tim Davies and Chris Griffin are happy to assist with this project. Various maps are now in use to try to plot the ancient hedgerows and see if we can suggest creation of new wildlife corridors. **Kate is leading on this, report above, ongoing.**

Finding out which ‘farms’ are productive or what they are used for now. Lynda has a list of all the farms and is finding out some interesting information. **ongoing.**

Equestrian activities. Update to the piece that Lucinda Evans wrote for the 2017 NDP. **Lynda, ongoing.**

Winchfield Court and Winchfield Hospital. Bill has written an excellent piece about the workhouse and the hospital, there are a few unanswered questions but we are making enquiries to try to fill in the gaps. **ongoing**

Archaeology. We have a friend in Cathy Wolwebber who is researching the village for us and will provide a report. **Ongoing Christine**

Ornithology. Chris and Clare Griffin are happy to do some work on this. **Christine now has a list of birds from a friend of the Griffins and will chase up Simon Wilson again about the raptors. Ongoing**

The Old School. Sarah will try to do some research on this, Bridget Gavin-Brown didn't really know any of the history but we might have a contact who wrote about Winchfield some years ago, a relative of Rev Seymour. **Ongoing Sarah** and also covered above 'Andrew Bradley'

Houses around the Church. Christine has asked the owners if they can provide any history about their homes. **No great results so far but ongoing**

Winchfield House. Cllr Louise Hodgetts is working with Lord Wigram to produce a piece about Winchfield house. **Ongoing**

1.3 As part of this Revision we will update and add to the Evidence Base which accompanies the Plan, Christine asked that source documentation for anything which might be included in the Plan or any policy please be carefully noted. ALL. ONGOING

Not yet assigned to anyone:

- Church of St Mary's . We will do a more in depth piece about the church for the revision.
- Barley Mow pub and Winchfield Inn – both are very old and have significant features which we didn't cover last time.
- The old Post Office
- Railway and station. We can review the piece Ed Fisher wrote last time and he will probably help if we need to add more information.
- The pottery
- Brick Kilns / Dignity
- Flora and Fauna.
- Other recreational activities, cycling, walking, paddle boarding, shooting??

Open to suggestions for anything else we would consider to be a recreational activity or a significant feature of Winchfield.

Any Other Business.

Sarah asked if there was a list of 'inmates' of the workhouse? Meyrick remembered an old tin trunk we had been given by Phil O'Grady (landlord of the Barley Mow) and thought there had been this sort of information in the box.

10.6 Christine will try to contact Rev Ewbank and see if he can remember where the trunk and its contents went to.

There was a map of the Winchfield Hospital / work house on the wall of the 'Chapel' before Paul and Kerry moved there, this might have gone to John Almond's son (previous owners).

10.7 Sarah and Lynda will see if they can find John's son and ask if the map of the workhouse still exists.

10.8 The ceramic map which was made by Susan Ferreby (a local potter who lived at 'The Chase') on the wall at the station would be a good photo – Lynda will take a picture of it.

Everyone is enjoying what they are doing! Christine thanked them (yet again) for carrying on with this project and accepting the frustrations of Covid restrictions.

Meeting closed at 3.30pm

Date of next meeting

Monday 14th June at Pepper Box. If the weather forecast is bad Alison will send the 'zoom' link to you. 2-4pm. Meyrick will 'zoom' Bill in if the Wi-Fi will allow.

Next meeting dates: Mondays, 2-4pm. Monday 5th July. **Community Engagement Meeting date now Saturday 10th July 2021 at the village hall. 2-6pm**

Suggested dates for the rest of this year. 9th August, 13th September, 11th October, 8th November.

WPC meeting is Monday 19th July at 7pm – Alison will send the link to you

Future dates: WPC – 20th September, 15th November.

Dates for your diary – Winchfield Festival 7th – 14th August. www.winchfieldfestival.org