

DINNINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Record of Decisions of a Meeting Held on Saturday 14th January 2017 at Davies Court Ballroom, Dinnington.

Present: D.Smith (Dinnington St John's Town Council (DSJTC)), A Milner (DSJTC), J.Simmonds (DSJTC), J.Curran (Rother Valley South Area Assembly), S.Moore Group Secretary), G.Capper & D.Walker (both Greenbelt Action Group), V.Betts (GAG), R.Gyte, L.Banham, B.Keeley, Mrs B.Keeley.

In attendance:

A.Towlerton (YourLocale)

1. Apologies: P.Cotton

2. To consider the key actions from the meeting held on 10th December 2016

D.Smith still to issue copy of letter sent to inspector. (item 7 on minutes)

Minutes from meeting were accepted as a true record

3. To receive a report from the meeting of the sub group held on 7th January 2017

A list of the proposed green spaces within the plan area was issued to all members and requested made for any additions. It was proposed to include the old pit top area on the list.

A mapping system needs to be produced for the proposed sites and their eligibility to be entered into the neighbour plan will need to be reviewed.

A.Towlerton and A. Milner to produce the mapping system.

4. To consider policy options in relation to the Town Centre.

Examples extracts from a number of town centre policies were issued to the group for discussion. The examples were of towns of a similar size to Dinnington.

Within this section of the Neighbourhood Plan there will be the ability to restrict the type of future shops required within the town centre. The range of other facilities that can be required within the town centre was also discussed, for example, the market place.

A general policy is required to protect existing shops as well as a need to consider all community facilities that should be protected into the future. An example of this might be where a public house is protected from change of use into a small supermarket.

A discussion was held on the excessive number of hot food takeaways within the town centre and it was proposed that a maximum percentage of hot food takeaways against other commercial premises should be set within the neighbourhood plan.

Discussion took place on the shop frontages within the town centre and how these need to be considered within any proposed changes to the town centre design.

Litter within the town centre has been identified as a problem and it was proposed that comment to this should be made within the neighbourhood plan with an increase in litter bins required within the centre. It was also stated that Rotherham Borough Council should also meet its responsibilities to control and manage litter within the Town Centre and other areas of the town. The management and control of litter was seen as a feature to be contained within the future plan.

It was proposed that the plan also state that car parking facilities within the town centre remain free of charge.

The town centre boundaries will need to be identified and indicated on a map. The sub-group will determine town centre boundaries at their next meeting and submit this to the full group. The group will also need to consider smaller neighbourhood shopping areas.

J.Curran shall also provide a listing of premises identified within the town centre by the Dinnington Business Forum.

5. To receive an update on the progress of the Rotherham Local Plan

No further updates at this time

6. To receive an update on funding issues

The 1st tranche of funding has now been spent. The 2nd tranche now needs to be applied for by A.Towlerton with this being used by the end of March 2017. This funding will be used for the writing of the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

The areas of green spaces and town centre requirements should be finalised by the next full meeting ready for entering into the draft plan.

7. To consider the theme of the next Steering Group Meeting

It will continue with green spaces and town centre requirements so that these can be finalised.

8. Any other Business

Questions were asked on the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) on the position of who receives this levy when housing is completed. It was stated that Rotherham Borough Council should give the Parish Council 15% of any levy received. This can increase to 25% for some parishes.

To date no monies with regard to levies have been received. A.Towlerton and D.Smith will draft a letter to be sent to Rotherham Borough Council on how they intend to use the CIL monies once received and highlight that the Parish Council should receive a percentage of these levies.

The parish Council will need to set out a statement within the neighbourhood plan on how it intends the use the CIL monies once received.

The Rotherham Advertiser has asked for a statement on how the Neighbourhood Plan is progressing so that it can produce an article. It was mentioned that the plan is currently ahead of schedule and the level of work put in by the steering group was acknowledged.

9. To confirm the date of the next meeting.

Next full group meeting to be held at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday 18th February 2017. Venue: Davies Court Care Home

A sub-group meeting to finalise Green spaces and the Town Centre is planned for 10.00 a.m. on Saturday 11th February. Venue: Davies Court Care Home