

Minutes of Meeting of Thruxton NDP Steering Group Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 17, 19:30, Machin Room, TWMH.

1. Present: Steve Counsell (SC), Louisa Chamberlain (LC) as Chair, John Davis (JD), Bill Brewer (BB), Mike Windsor (MW), Liz Watson (LW), Alan Leslie (AL).
2. Apologies: Kate Philipson (KP), Sarah Fanthorpe-Green (SFG).
3. Minutes of Meeting Oct 17: Minutes accepted. JD to take to next Parish Council Meeting for review and acceptance.
  - Matters arising: MW asked LC on feedback from SD re questions raised from last meeting.
    - a. South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) had discussed the importance of protection of footpaths in Thruxton Parish with LC. The final plan will reflect this and the wishes of the Parishioners and this was seen as reasonable to reflect in the final Plan.
    - b. LGS 4 boundary change seemed reasonable when discussed with SDNP.
    - c. Layering of protections was discussed with SDNP, especially in view of the Recreation Field and Mullen's Pond where these areas have protections already afforded to them. Mullen's Pond has a local protection in the form of a SINC. LGS protection would protect this space on a national level and seemed a reasonable way forward. With regard to the Recreation Field, it will have protection in its own right by dint of its use as a recreation field. If LGS designation was applied SDNPA had the view that this would not preclude Pavilion building as it could be justified as promoting and securing the use of this land as a Recreation Field in the spirit of its LGS designation. BB will discuss with the Recreation Field owner the possibilities and restrictions of LGS designation and report back to the next meeting.
4. General views on SDNPA interim report and views on Community Aims Chapter development were discussed. The SG was very happy with the interim report from SDNPA.
5. The SG agreed the "To do lists" and a reply to SDNPA on the interim report. Settlement area character assessments will be addressed by SG. SFG will be asked to encourage Parishioners via the Thruxton Facebook page to reply to recent TT insert, focusing particularly on Dauntsey Lane residents to answer.
6. JD and MW to discuss S106/CIL projects and lead on infrastructure - LC has made a new infrastructure folder on drop box. JD – The Parish Council (PC) is required to send an annual list to TVBC of requests for CIL money. JD will ask the PC if current Public Open Space Response can be forwarded as CIL money wishes. Infrastructure – need to identify problems and then work out what is required. PC Chairman's letter with current budgetary constraints on PC wishes for the Parish will be put on drop box too. Parking problems were discussed briefly – problems are well known and of long standing to the Parish with little options for improving the situation. It was noted that on street parking does slow down traffic.
7. Airfield – Policies? LC explained that SDNPA wished the SG to potentially expand their views on the Airfield which SDNPA see as a large part, both physically and economically, of the Parish. The evidence collated by the SG does not address this area well enough at the present. The fortunes of the Parish could turn on the fortunes of this area. SDNPA feels this is a great opportunity to acknowledge its importance and ensure onward prosperity of the

Airfield with Parish support. The SG discussed this considering economics, building regulations and change of use. The current High court judgement on Race Day numbers was clarified and discussion around challenge to this judgement was aired. Could a Policy help protect this? LW pointed out that the identity of Thruxton is recognised externally as that of the Airfield and Race Circuit. SC discussed the concerns and problems for the future of this brownfield site that could be a large housing/industrial site. BB queried how a NDP could have any control over it. AL noted that currently it was an industrial area working hand in glove with the Parish and this relationship is working – the SG needs to capture this in any Policies in the NDP. Potentially the NDP Policies could encourage further businesses e.g. further Hanger use. MW felt that any Policies should reflect the scale of what there is now. See Draft Policy EO2. LC stressed the County importance and support for the presence of the Hampshire Air Ambulance. In summary, LC will feed back to SDNPA the wish to maintain our great symbiotic relationship with the owner of the Airfield/Racetrack, but balance this with the reality that this personality will not always be at the helm and the mutual benefits the Parish and the Circuit share may not be forever – although we would like to capture it in perpetuity! At present this brownfield site works well and hand in glove with the Parish. It is a large area with an airfield, air ambulance, race circuit and small industrial estate enclosed and shielded from the Village but is an integral part of its identity, and known countrywide. This brownfield site is embraced by the Parish

8. Trees – Policy development. SDNPA will be asked to look carefully at a Policy designed to protect current tree planting, guide new tree planting to follow local species (it was noted that recent tree planting efforts in the Parish has generally failed due to the poor quality chalk soil we have here) and promote good tree husbandry throughout the Parish. LC will discuss this further with SDNPA. KP's concern regarding protecting the triangles of trees/copses on leaving the A303 and entering the Village were noted and agreed.
9. Consultation – views on settlements, “gaps” between settlements and non-heritage local assets. TT had a flyer insert this month requesting feedback from Parishioners.
  - Local hosting arrangements in 4 settlement areas was discussed (there has been no response from Daunstey Lane re hosting a meeting of residents to discuss above.) AL will ensure a house to house collation of views from Thruxton Down residents and he will ask a couple in Park House Cross will to do the same. Results will be fed back to SG. Discussion around holding a “drop in” session for Village and Dauntsey Lane residents together – it was felt there would be poor attendance for such, given previous experiences and given dark and cold nights. Encourage email responses instead and use Thruxton Facebook page to promote too.
  - Email address for use and advertised in TT has had some responses – [ndpthruxton@gmail.com](mailto:ndpthruxton@gmail.com)
  - Compilation – LC to do.
  - Bird's eye view prose from 1997 will be used reflecting on now 20 years on, and how in 20 years' time what Parishioners would like to see Thruxton. Steve's email re well-being may be incorporated here too – or in Parish Profile/Foreword?
10. SHEELA update – LC updated the meeting on the recently published TVBC SHEELA sites. Of note, Thruxton allotments have been put forward to SHEELA by the Church of England (Ann McKenzie is looking in to a “gift” or “covenant” of this land to Parishioners a while back and she will give further information to LC.), a potential traveller's site in Thruxton Down as well

as those areas that the SG were aware were likely to be put forward following meetings with landowners.

11. Finances – No invoices as yet from SDNPA. LC will chase again. Once paid, BB will then reapply for further funds.
12. AOB – Bob Hodges has put forward the idea of a Community Lunch on the day of the Referendum to be held in Village Hall. JD will look in to whether this idea would be suitable within the legal framework for voting.
13. DONM – LC will arrange when KP returns and depending on further work coming forward from SDNPA. SC asked that we try and avoid Mondays.