

Notes from Winchfield Neighbourhood Development Plan Review
Steering Group and Working Group #18

Monday 9th May 2022 at Pepper Box

Present:

Christine Strudwick (WG/ Working Group lead)
Sarah Garwood
Lynda Goddard
Cllr Kate Stewart
Cllr Meyrick Williams (SG / Steering Group Chair)

Apologies Bill Fraser and Rod Summerfield

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Meyrick gave us an update on the progress being made regarding the selection of a site for the affordable housing project. Action Hampshire, HDC and the chosen housing provider, English Rural, along with WPC will continue manage the process.

There is a call tomorrow with HDC. Jenny Woods, who has been our contact for all Neighbourhood Plan matters, is leaving and we hope that her successor will be on the call. This will be the first time HDC have seen all the draft text, sent to them last week. Daniel Hawes, Planning Policy, will also be on the call as will Nick Ward, our Neighbourhood Plan consultant.

Once the feedback from the call is written up the draft plan will be notated with their comments and circulated to all members of the WG and WPC for their feedback.

Landscape Assessment – the comparison report from John Jeffcock highlighted the differences between the LCA commissioned by WPC and the one commissioned by HDC as part of the SHGV Site reports. John's professional opinion is that WPC report was very comprehensive and needed no further work. LCA and also the 'Key Views' documents will now be uploaded to WPC website as 'final' versions.

Ann Skippers, who was our 'trusted friend' on the original Plan is again available to do our 'health check' before we submit to HDC for the reg. 14 process. Ann is highly qualified in all Neighbourhood Planning matters and has been an examiner too; we are very pleased she is available for us.

Most of the meeting was spent discussing the possibility of introducing settlement boundaries around Beauclerk Green and the area of housing in Old Potbridge Road. Although Bill and Rod had sent in written comments it was decided to defer this to the next full meeting as it is such an important issue; we must make a decision which will be good for the future of the village. Meyrick will ask HDC for their comments.

Solar farms policy. We have been advised by our consultant that a 'statement of intent' would possibly be the best way forwards as we will not be permitted to define a maximum size in a policy. Further advice on this will be taken.

Parking spaces. A letter has been received from a local resident who is very opposed to our current policy which requires additional parking spaces for new homes in Winchfield to keep parking within property curtilage and not on the road. Driving through Winchfield it is noticeably much easier and safer than some of our neighbouring villages and residents overwhelmingly want this to continue and support the current policy. With many people working from home there are now many more home deliveries too which quickly stop traffic flow if there is nowhere for them to safely stop. We will discuss this with HDC.

Kate gave us an update on the 'trees' project, another 40 requests have been received – Winchfield is really supporting this initiative. Kate will approach other landowners later in the summer to ask if they would like to do more extensive planting.

Christine reminded the group that the Community Engagement meeting on 19th June is the last planned public event prior to submission to HDC. We must have all policies available for comment at that meeting.

The scheduled NP meeting for Monday 13th June will, if all can attend, be brought forward to Monday 6th June to allow us an additional week of preparation time.

Christine is meeting with 'Brandtastic' on 10th June to start the design process and invite their ideas which will then be shared with the WG.

Open Items.

There were no new action items arising from this meeting.

Baseline data work and research.

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

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, SINCS, 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, done

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**

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.**

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**

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 (done) Fauna.- with Christine
- Other recreational activities, cycling, walking, paddle boarding, shooting??

Any Other Business.

There was none.

Meeting closed at 2.45pm

Date of next meeting

Monday 6th June

Meetings to be held at 2pm at "Pepper Box" unless informed otherwise.

Meeting Dates for 2022

Monday 11th July

Monday 8th August

Future Community Engagement meetings:

Sunday 19th June 2022 – apologies from Rod and Kate who are not available.