

Notes from Winchfield Neighbourhood Development Plan Review  
Steering Group and Working Group #14

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at Pepper Box

Present:

Christine Strudwick (WG/ Working Group lead)  
Bill Fraser (via zoom)  
Sarah Garwood  
Lynda Goddard  
Cllr Kate Stewart (via zoom)  
Rod Summerfield  
Cllr Meyrick Williams (SG / Steering Group Chair)

**WNDPR Steering Group**

Meyrick gave an overview of the three topics which are being presented at the next community Engagement (CE) meeting which will be held at the Village Hall on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November. The presentation boards will cover:

Landscape Character Appraisal – this is now a completed document although if anyone does have a valid comment to make it will be taken into consideration as a few edits have been suggested by HDC.

Local Green Space (LGS): the candidate sites are shown along with the criteria which must be met when requesting an LGS designation. This is currently a draft document and comments from residents will be taken into account before this becomes final. LGS is now a designation on a par with ‘green belt’ and critically important to safeguard areas which are special to local people. It is also noted that the owners of areas designated as LGS do not have to be consulted or their agreement obtained. LGS is now felt to be of more long term value than the designation ‘Conservation Area.’

Winchfield’s Key Views (WKV): there are 26 key views currently proposed and these will be displayed for residents to comment on the draft document.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which will probably have some further updates early next year, is unlikely to change these elements in any significant way. NPPF must be the principal guide as we draft Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) policies next year. It clearly states the criteria which must be met to succeed at NDP examination in due course. The above documents are the evidence required to support many of the policies which are important to Winchfield residents. Our Revised NDP must also align with HDC Local Plan Policies.

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Christine talked to the other presentation boards which will be used at the meeting; the Housing Needs Survey board has another copy of the ‘call for sites’ letter if anyone has failed to see that. The closing date for submissions from landowners is 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

The viability of the project will now be assessed by Winchfield Parish Council in partnership with HDC and Action Hampshire.

The closing boards will give a brief outline of the announcement that work on SHGC has stopped and HDC have given the developers 21 days' notice that this will not proceed. The various Project Boards have already been notified.

We shall also be asking residents who attend the meeting to use their 'feedback' forms and the form will show the links to the WPC website for access to the complete documents listed above should they wish to read the entire document.

There was a brief discussion about how consultee's comments are invited when the NDP goes out to consultation; it is the inspector who will decide on the validity of responses and whether to request changes in response to such comments. The process to get to final examination of the revised NDP is quite demanding and our consultant Nick Ward will be doing much of this technical aspect.

It was agreed that we shall take 'ownership' of the various topics on display in order to be able to answer questions knowledgeably.

Rod – will manage the door and sign-ins

Lynda will be on Key Views

Sarah will be on Local Green Space

Kate will take Local Character Assessment

Cllrs Louise and Richard will be on HNS

Meyrick will take SHGC and exit

Christine will endeavour to answer anything she is asked about or refer the question to another of the team!

13.3 Christine asked members of the WG to review Objectives 1, 2 and 3 and develop each objective into one or two paragraphs to explain in more detail their interpretation of what the objective is, what it will achieve and possibly give suggestions for how we can achieve the goal with new policies or community actions. Christine has written a first draft of text to support objective 1 and this was discussed, she will now continue this stage of the process on objectives 2-9. The WG will contribute their thoughts / comments / observations on 4-9 to Christine, preferably before Christmas. All the objectives are shown at the end of these notes. In hand.

**14.1 WG will, early in 2022, be asked to comment on the draft objectives text and also the introduction and overview sections of the revision which Nick and Christine will now develop further. Ongoing.**

1. To encourage, support and protect our Natural Environment.
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We then ran through the 'baseline studies' list and briefly discussed some further actions we need to get underway.

**14.2 Rod will write a piece on 'flora and fauna' when Christine provides him with the HBIC information.**

**14.3 The Christmas card to residents will be delivered 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> December** and announces that our next CE meeting will be on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at the Village Hall 3-6pm. Last year we did address the envelopes to the household address to make them a little more personal, please do this if you wish to and have the time.

**Open Items.**

#### **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, ongoing.**

**9.5 'What do the kids remember?' – This might prompt some interesting discussions when we can have our Community Engagement (CE) 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 CE meeting. Ongoing for a future meeting due too much material at the first and second sessions.**

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 SINCS 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.**

**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 Christine will try to research further.

**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**

**Policies from our neighbouring Parishes' Plans which we should consider for Winchfield. 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.

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.

**10.5. Rod has written an excellent report on the Basingstoke Canal SSSI which will be distributed to the WG and arrangements discussed for peer review. Ongoing Christine / Meyrick**

**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. No success with this, Christine will ask Kerry Wedlock again**

**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.**

13.1 It was agreed that we should target a second CEM in the autumn [October-November] Christine will liaise with Sarah and Lynda re: availability of the Village Hall. closed

13.2 Rod will produce discussion paper on rural crime and send to Christine for wider circulation. Done

### **Any Other Business.**

Meeting closed at 4pm

### **Date of next meeting**

Although no meeting was scheduled for December it is felt we should have a quick 'wash up' after the CE meeting. Suggested date is **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December time tbc.**

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

### **Dates for 2022**

Monday 10th January  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August

## **Our Vision.**

**Winchfield, with its ancient and unusual dispersed settlement pattern is, in 2037, a vibrant, attractive village with its own unique character and ambience and sits at the very centre of Hart District. Our residents have embraced the opportunities offered by modern technology enabling them to live and work in a semi-rural and agricultural environment. The Grade 1 listed Norman Church and other historic buildings are cherished and used by the community; protected for future generations. The historic environment sits in harmony with several small, fully sustainable developments of sympathetically designed new housing which have enabled younger families to live in the village.**

**Our quiet, narrow lanes, bridle paths, well maintained network of rural footpaths and the Basingstoke Canal welcome residents and visitors alike, offering space for healthy outdoor leisure pursuits or quiet enjoyment of the peaceful rural scenery. Winchfield is the healthy heart and lungs of Hart; the physical and mental benefits of access to rural space enjoyed in our village contribute significantly to the overall diversity and opportunities this District has to offer. We value and protect the status of Hart as ‘one of the best places to live in the UK’**

## **Our Objectives.**

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- 4. To promote health and wellbeing**
- 5. To support our local economy and sustain our agricultural heritage**
- 6. To ensure that our community thrives and that we respond to the needs of our residents.**
- 7. To promote and monitor safety measures to improve traffic management.**
- 8. To value and cherish our village and promote a strong and vibrant community.**
- 9. To support Hart District Council initiatives to become a carbon neutral authority by 2035.**