

Notes from Winchfield Neighbourhood Development Plan Review
Steering Group and Working Group #13

Monday 16th August 2021 at Pepper Box

Present:

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

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Meyrick presented updates on three items:

The Community Engagement Meeting [CEM] held in the Village Hall on Saturday 24th July 2021 had undoubtedly benefitted from our targeted and coordinated publicity initiatives. The meeting attracted approximately 60 attendees. Participants came mostly from the Parish; twelve arrived from other locations throughout the District, nearby towns and from London. The WG endorsed Meyrick's view that we have made a good start engaging with the community and feedback has been very good. All post-it note comments have been transcribed and distributed to the WG for discussion. There were many views expressed in opposition to HDC's ongoing activities in support of Shapley Heath Garden Community (SHGC)

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.

The revised *Housing Needs Survey (HNS)* had not arrived at the time of this meeting but did so the next day. Comments on an earlier draft had been incorporated and a final phone call with Action Hampshire to discuss any final changes has been arranged for the end of August. Following this call Meyrick will present the HNS to WPC.

The final drafts of various works which have been commissioned by Winchfield Parish Council (WPC) have been received from the consultants. All professional fees for these documents have been paid for by WPC funds budgeted for NDPR studies and activities.

Meyrick updated the WG on the list of various studies which have now been announced by HDC as work progresses exploring 'the opportunity to build a new garden community' (SHGC). He explained that HDC are required to commission a wide range of reports; it is inevitable that the developers will be heavily involved in these undertakings and in funding them. The HDC studies and the importance of those commissioned by WPC were discussed at some length as well as the process which must be legally adhered to by all parties. After

further debate over the wider issues the SG decided that the recommendation to WPC should be that the LCA be finalised and HDC be informed when it is in the public domain.

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Christine encouraged a wide-ranging and unstructured open discussion of various of the topics brought to our attention by attendees at the CEM....land use/ SANGs/ environmental "jargon"/ natural versus artificial footpaths/agriculture/farming/ climate change/energy generation/solar panels/transport provision/traffic issues including HGVs/countryside accessibility and others as they arose. The slide pack and compilation of the comments received accompanies these notes.

Rod highlighted the fact that neither the current WNDP nor those NPs for Dogmersfield, Odiham with North Warnborough, Hartley Wintney or Hook had made any mention about issues concerning Rural **Policing and Rural Crime** despite highly publicised public concerns nationally and in Hampshire. The WG welcomed his offer to produce a short paper on the topic for discussion of the possible implications for the wording and/or focus of the WNDPR.

13.2 Rod will produce discussion paper and send to Christine

Now that we have the support of Winchfield residents for our Vision and Objectives as presented to them at the CEM the WG can move to the next stage of the revision process.

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.

- 1. To encourage, support and protect our Natural Environment.**
- 2. To maintain, sustain and enhance our Historic Environment**
- 3. To influence the sustainability of our Built Environment for the benefit of all Parish residents**

We will discuss everyone's ideas at the next meeting and agree words that we feel best explain our ambition for these first three objectives. At this stage this can be high level or an executive summary of what you think and there is no need to pay attention to formatting or layout –that all comes later.

If you haven't yet been able to review our neighbours NDPs then please add those to your reading list and note any aspects, initiatives or policies that you think would benefit or apply to Winchfield. Remember that our neighbours Plans have been adopted by HDC and by the NDP Examiner so suggestions for Winchfield which are in harmony with, or very similar to, our neighbours already have evidenced support.

Open Items. (not addressed at this meeting)

10.1 response to Action Hampshire on draft HNS. Meyrick Ongoing, see SG note above

10.4. Design and circulate flyer. Christine. Also A3 and A4 posters for notice boards and other sites (Sarah's fence etc.) Flyers have been printed and we will amend date and times with sticky labels. The flyers were delivered to every household 9th / 10th July 2021. Closed

Baseline data work and research.

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**

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**

9.5 **'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 session.**

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**

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**

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

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.

Moving, at last, to the next phase of revising our Plan and being able to engage with residents is a great step forward and the WG is looking forward to being able to make some progress in the coming months.

Any Other Business.

Christine thanked Rod for taking the notes at this meeting and the July meeting whilst she has been unable to write or type with a broken wrist! Rods providing the typed up reports for meetings #12 & #13 have been greatly appreciated.

Meeting closed at 4pm

Date of next meeting

Monday 11th October (There is no meeting in September)

The last meeting of 2021 of WNDPR SG/WG is Monday 8th November

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

Dates for 2022

Monday 10th January

Monday 14th February

Monday 14th March

Monday 11th April

Monday 9th May

Monday 13th June

Monday 11th July

Monday 8th August