

Notes from Winchfield Neighbourhood Development Plan Review Steering Group and Working Group #9

Monday 12th April 2021 – zoom telecon

Present:

Christine Strudwick
Sarah Garwood
Linda Goddard
Cllr Kate Stewart
Bill Fraser
Rod Summerfield
Cllr Meyrick Williams

Thank you to everyone for delivering the latest flyer to every Winchfield residence.

WNDPRSG. A brief update from Meyrick to say that the work on the Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) part 1 is now completed and the scope of phase two has been agreed. This work will now be in two parts, 2A as the original scope, 2B will address the opportunity to define and submit areas of Local Green Space (LGS) Meyrick thanked everyone for their suggestions and will be putting forward five locations. Meyrick is waiting to apply for the Locality grant towards this second tranche of work on the LCA.

9.1 Meyrick will send a copy of the e-mail detailing these LGS options to the WG members.
Done. Closed

WPC had an unexpected announcement from SE Water that major water main work is due to start in Winchfield in June. Meyrick and Kate have been preparing questions to ask them to allay concerns about this national infrastructure project. The work that we have all been doing about ecology and history has been invaluable in preparing for a virtual meeting with them on Wednesday.

WG.

Kate gave an overview of the very comprehensive study she has been doing with the assistance of Chris Griffin (local resident, footpath warden) and input from Rod. They are plotting all the trees, hedgerows and other areas where we shall ask for HDC to register protection if their Environmental Officer, who seems very interested and has already made one visit to Winchfield, agrees. Kate has sent an initial e-mail to HDC ‘Trees’ informing them of the work underway in Winchfield.

Rod has done a comparison of the LCA information and the HBIC information and detailed all the inconsistencies between the two. We now have a thoroughly researched document which highlights the ‘notable’, ‘threatened’ and ‘very important’ species in the village or on the boundaries with our neighbours which we must make every effort to protect. The threat of development makes it even more important that we adopt the principals of ‘enlightened stewardship’; damage done to our ecology can rarely be undone, ancient trees cannot be recreated.

9.2 Christine is compiling an e-mail which will flag all of our requests for changes to LCA part one when she and Meyrick meet with John Jeffcock next month.

Rod is now researching the canal SSSI to see if we can establish definite boundaries and if the ‘surrounding SSSI’ status can provide additional protection now that we have so many visitors.

Sarah and Lynda have been researching history in the north of the Parish. Sarah will ask Liz Wood if she would like to keep a diary and record all the flora and fauna that she sees in her (very) wild field. Liz is very knowledgeable so this could support the lists we have from HBIC and perhaps provide them some updated information.

Lynda has made contact with Rev Bradley’s son Andrew about the thesis he wrote on Winchfield which was a wonderful study but unfortunately it seems that there is no longer a copy. Lynda will ask again as Rod said that thesis storage is usually taken very seriously by universities and it could be that it is still to be found. If not Lynda will ask if he could just do some ‘bullet points’ of what he remembers as that might help us to find some information we didn’t know about.

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.

9.4 Bill is very agreeable to doing some more research whilst he is still away. Christine will suggest some sites to him.

9.5 ‘What do the kids remember?’ – This might prompt some interesting discussions when we can have our Community Engagement meeting. Christine will compile some notes based on input from Sarah and others residents who have been here for a long time.

9.6 Christine has been talking to a local lady who might become our NDP designer. Ongoing

9.7 Content for the boards which will display our work is being compiled in readiness for our meeting on 10th July.

Christine has been researching, with the aid of Cathy Wollweber who is a keen amateur archaeologist, the Portable Antiquities database. This records several areas of interest in Winchfield and 32 finds.

9.8 Christine will write a paragraph for Meyrick to use when talking to SE Water as their planned route is potentially very intrusive into sensitive archaeological areas. Done. Closed

AOB

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.

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.

Everyone is enjoying what they are doing! Christine thanked them for carrying on with this project and accepting the frustrations of Covid restrictions.

Open items.

8.1 Christine will advise Ed Fisher of the change of date and confirm that the Village Hall is available on 10th July. Done. Closed

8.2 Christine will circulate ideas and suggestions for the boards/layout as necessary for committee feedback. 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

7.2 All, 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.

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

Angling. Rod has written an excellent one pager on recreational angling. Done

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

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

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.

Date of next meeting

Monday 10th May. If the weather is warm enough we shall be able to meet in the garden at Pepper Box, If not Alison will send the 'zoom' link to you. 2-4pm

Next meeting dates: Mondays, 2-4pm. 14th June

Suggested dates for the rest of this year: 5th July, 9th August, 13th September, 11th October, 8th November . I have shown the July meeting on the first Monday of the month so that it is before the public meeting.

Community Engagement Meeting date now Saturday 10th July 2021 at the village hall. 2-6pm

WPC meeting is Monday 17th May at 7pm – Alison will send the link to you

Future dates: WPC – 19th July, 20th September , 15th November.

Dates for your diary – Winchfield Festival 7th – 14th August. www.winchfieldfestival.org