

DINNINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Record of Decisions of a Meeting Held on Saturday 18th February 2017 at Davies Court Ballroom, Dinnington.

Present: D.Smith (Dinnington St John's Town Council (DSJTC)), A Milner (DSJTC), J.Simmonds (DSJTC), J.Curran (Rother Valley South Area Assembly), S.Moore Group Secretary), G.Capper & D.Walker (both Greenbelt Action Group), V.Betts (GAG), R.Gyte, L.Banham, B.Keeley, Mrs B.Keeley.

In attendance:

A.Towlerton (YourLocale)

1. Apologies: None

2. To consider the key actions from the meeting held on 14th January 2017

Item 3: A.Towlerton suggested that the group should consider the purchase of the 'Parish Online' system at a cost of £300.00 per annum. This would allow us to produce a range of prepared maps for the area and edit these with additional information to suit our needs.

Minutes from meeting were accepted as a true record

3. To receive a report from the meeting of the sub group held on 11th February 2017

A number of items were covered within the sub-group meeting. In brief these were as follows:

- A statement for the Sites and Policies Inspector has been produced and sent by Dave Smith.
- A short article on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan has been placed in the Rotherham Advertiser.
- Dave Smith has asked a question to RMBC regarding the issue/share-out of CIL funds. A written response has been received from RMBC although this does not alleviate concerns that CIL funds will not be distributed against national guidelines.
- There have been no figures from RMBC on the needs for housing types within the area. D.Dixon is meeting with A.Towlerton to determine figures for the types of housing required for the Dinnington area based on demographics etc.
- It was suggested that the group investigate the possible acquisition of legal expertise if there are possible future conflicts with RMBC on distribution of CIL funds etc.
- David Dixon is to send a copy of the CPVOP newsletter to the Secretary for distribution to the group.

- A.Towlerton stated in the draft Natural Environment Chapter that large areas of green belt land around Dinnington had been removed. This was not the understanding of the group and the chapter will be updated accordingly.
- A request is to be made to the Dinnington Business Forum to ask if they can update the current 2012 list of businesses within the Town Centre. It would be useful if this could be on some sort of colour coded map to indicate different types of businesses.

4. To consider policy options in relation to the Town Centre, Local Green Spaces and Community Facilities

The Dinnington Business Forum is to update the current 2012 list of businesses within Dinnington.

A.Towlerton now has enough information to write the draft chapter on the Town Centre. This will be reviewed at the next group meeting. He will also write the draft chapter on 'Community Facilities' for review at the same meeting. He now has sufficient information for this chapter although may site require support to acquire appropriate further data.

It was suggested that the Dinnington Business Forum is involved in the Town Centre mapping exercise and the review of the Town Centre draft chapter.

An indicative chapter has been issued to the group on the 'Natural Environment'. It has been suggested that local wildlife sites are included into the chapter. David Dixon suggested that this chapter also needs to make greater emphasis on local people's belief and passion in maintaining the area's natural environment.

David is to write a draft opening to this chapter.

The statement in the Green Spaces chapter that greenbelt has been removed will be changed.

5. To receive an update on the progress of the Rotherham Local Plan

No further update.

6. To receive an update on funding issues

Guidance on CIL funding has been produced by David Dixon and has been issued to the group for comment. It was agreed that representation needs to be made to RMBC on the level of CIL funding that should be given to the area and the legal requirement appertaining to this funding.

Dave Smith will try to contact Damian Wilson (Strategic Director of Regeneration & Environment for RMBC) with an invite to attend an extraordinary meeting of the group in order to update him on progress of the DSJNP and for the group to ask questions etc on RMBC's current position to the plan. An agenda for this meeting will be produced when a date has been agreed.

7. To consider the theme of the next Steering Group Meeting

The next theme will be based on Transport requirements within the Dinnington area. The Town Centre chapter should also be finalised at this meeting.

8. Any other Business

The final sign off of the Neighbourhood Plan will need to be via a referendum. The request for the referendum will need to be made to RMBC. It was mentioned that in other areas of the country where neighbourhood plans have been produced there is often a delay of 6 to 9 months from the request to the actual referendum being granted and held. It was therefore suggested that the group needs to start planning this referendum now by building relationships with RMBC (see item 6) and starting to publicise the plan etc within the Dinnington area in order to reduce the risk of possible delays when the final plan has been produced.

9. To confirm the date of the next meeting.

The next DSJNP full group meeting is planned for 10.00 a.m. on Saturday 25th March at the Lyric Theatre.

There will be no sub-group meeting in March as it is hoped that the meeting involving Damien Wilson (RMBC) can be held in the month.