

**MINUTES OF THE LONGSTOCK NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NHP) STEERING GROUP MEETING
– HELD 7PM, 6th APRIL 2021, VIA ZOOM.**

In attendance:

Steering Committee:

Angie Filippa (AF) – Chairman

Beccy Soper (BS)- Vice Chairman

Aly Warner (AW) – Secretary

Sophie Walters (SW) - Resident and Chair of Longstock Parish Council

David Burnfield (DB) - Resident and Longstock Parish Councillor

Simon Borthwick (SB) - Representing Leckford Estate

Apologies

David Smith (DS)- Resident

Ser	Subject	Action
1.	Welcome and Introduction AF opened the meeting and welcomed the committee.	
2.	Acceptance of Minutes The minutes of the meeting from 3 rd March 21 were agreed and adopted. Proposed by SW, seconded DB.	
3.	Longstock Parish Council - Update SW stated that Longstock Parish Council (LPC) were still interested in developing a small parcel of land at the disused Chalk Pit but as this would be a 'slow burn' no further progress had been made. SW went on to advise that an extraordinary parish council meeting had been held on 6 th Apr 21. The Leckford Estate had disclosed that they had been in negotiations with English Rural (a not-for-profit rural affordable housing provider) regarding the development of a small rural exception site, situated behind Chalkside / Laneside Cottages on Church Road. SW stated that English Rural had provided LPC with a briefing on the proposal which has since been uploaded to the parish council's website . In summary, English Rural were looking to provide 12 x 'mixed tenure' dwellings which would provide low-cost and affordable housing for local people in perpetuity. The 12 units would comprise of; 2 x 1 bed flats, 4 x 2 bed houses, 4 x 2 bed bungalows and 2 x 3 bed houses.	

	<p>These properties would be available for rental or up to a maximum of 80% shared ownership. Tenure allocation for each property would be made on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>English Rural explained how they had spent a considerable amount of time studying the existing village architecture in order to incorporate key features such as windows and chimneys into their designs. This was so the dwellings fitted seamlessly into their surroundings; appearing to have ‘always been there’ rather than looking like a generic ‘new build’ estate.</p> <p>English Rural advised that they had already submitted a pre-application to TVBC which had been adjusted to incorporate suggestions related to the landscaping and topography of the development site.</p> <p>English Rural advised that a series of consultations would now need to take place. If planning was approved then it was anticipated that the project would take up to 2 years to complete.</p>	
4.	<p>Finance / Grant -update</p> <p>AF stated that Locality funding FY 20-21 was now closed and that she would be completing the end of year return to Locality.</p> <p>AF advised that she would monitor the Locality website to establish when applications for FY 21-22 funding had opened.</p>	
5.	<p>Housing Needs Assessment (HNA):</p> <p>AF advised that the AECOM Housing Needs Assessment was still in progress and that an introduction had been made by the SG to TVBC. AF stated that TVBC had kindly offered to give AECOM guidance on rural housing policies which were more appropriate to Longstock.</p>	
6.	<p>Housing Needs Survey (HNS)</p> <p>AF advised that the Housing Needs Survey had been finalised and that TVBC were in the process of uploading it to their website. AF stated that she would also forward a copy to Cllr Eastwood for inclusion on the Parish Council website.</p>	AF
7.	<p>Sub Group Updates</p> <p>a. Village Design Statement (VDS) - SB /DS. Update carried over to next meeting.</p> <p>b. Open Spaces - SW /AW. SW and AW advised that they have continued to assess open spaces within the designation area that have the potential for inclusion in the NHP. AW asked the SG for their thoughts on possible locations at the southern end of the village. BS suggested the ‘long jump’ field at Roman Road which had always been an under-utilized part of the school playing fields. AF stated that as this was part of Test Valley School the head teacher / governors would need to be approached for their view.</p>	

	<p>c. Footpaths/Verges/Hedges - AF AW stated that as part of the discussions into open spaces, AW and SW had discussed the possibility of creating a footpath from Bottom Road to the crossroads. AW stated that a noticeable increase in village traffic over the last few years had made walking for families with small children more hazardous. For the most part the roadside was too narrow to accommodate a footpath so an alternate solution would need to be found.</p> <p>DB was asked to approach the Burnfield family about the possibility of creating a footpath on the adjacent land. AW also highlighted that Peter Bramley (local resident) had previously made enquiries into the creation of a footpath and that Cllr Grieve (LPC rep for footpaths) may be able to offer further information. AF to investigate.</p> <p>d. Traffic - AF AF advised that plans to complete a traffic survey were on hold due to lockdown.</p> <p>e. Listed Dwellings/ Buildings/ Gardens SB / DS Update carried over to next meeting.</p> <p>f. Historic Heritage Assets /Sites - SB/ DS Update carried over to next meeting.</p> <p>g. SSSI's -SB/DS Update carried over to next meeting.</p> <p>h. Village and Countryside Landscape features - DB Update carried over to next meeting.</p> <p>i. Media - SW / AW SW and AW advised that a dedicated subcommittee had been formed to create a film presentation and that Craig Foster and SW were arranging to collect sound bites.</p> <p>AW stated that a new Longstock resident (Nick) had been approached to create some music to add to the film. AW advised that Ed Warner had been making headway with capturing iconic village images and that Andrew Hoad from Leckford Estate had kindly given permission for Ed to access to the river to collect further images before 1st May.</p> <p>AW stated that James Lakin is aware that he will be collating the gathered media and AF confirmed that she has a contact who can professionally edit the film if required.</p>	<p>DB</p> <p>AF</p>
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8.	<p>Visions and Objectives</p> <p>AF advised that the subcommittee had re-convened to reassess the Visions and Objectives again and that the update version had been circulated to the SG before being forwarded to Plan-et.</p>	
9.	<p>Community Engagement Event - COVID 19 compliant delivery</p> <p>The SG discussed the possibility of pencilling in future dates for a face-to-face engagement event in July 2021. The SG agreed to discuss this at the next meeting when further details of the roadmap for the relaxation of coronavirus restrictions was known.</p>	AF
10.	<p>AOB</p> <p>SW advised that she had been approached by several villagers about the possibility of reinstating the cricket pitch at the centre of the village (next to the recreation ground). SW advised that the landowners would need to be approached and grants and funding sought. This could be a potential project for the future but was certainly of interest to the NHP.</p> <p>The Village Bus service was also discussed as another item that could be explored by the NHP SG.</p> <p>The SG discussed whether a committee meeting should be held in August, noting that LPC won't be meeting during this period, the SG agreed that the August meeting was not required.</p>	AF
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