

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP MEETING

27 SEPTEMBER, 2012

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Present:

Phil Applin
Charles Bates
Helen Crook
Elizabeth Dixon
Andrew Dow
Peter Emerson
Mark Haselden (Chairman)
Roger Honychurch
Martyn Luscombe
David Morgan
Neil Pearce (Planning Consultant)
Dave Savage
Sarah Summers (Clerk)

One member of the public was present.

1) Apologies

Apologies were received from Neil Basnett, Tom Baxter, David Bowie, Ann Hicks, David Langman, Alan Marks MBE, Roger Matthews, Harry Nichols, Moira Tsolakis and Yvonne Wiggins.

2) Minutes

The minutes of the Steering Group Meeting held on 30 August were approved as a correct record.

3) Chairman's Report

3.1 The Chairman advised that the Editorial Team made up of Phil Applin David Morgan, Mark Haselden and Trevor Honychurch are meeting every Tuesday and are focusing on getting things down on paper. David Morgan is the chief compiler and editor. These meetings provide an opportunity to also flag issues for the Steering Group which are likely to

trigger debate, although the first stages of the plan appear relatively un-contentious.

3.2 Phil Applin, Tom Baxter, Elizabeth Dixon and David Morgan attended a very positive and helpful meeting with the Bourneville Trust. The Trust congratulated the team on its method of compilation. They have agreed to provide us with standards of streetscape and in defining the spread of affordable housing. This will be input into sections 2 and 3 and the Trust will provide specific supporting documents as evidence.

4) Consideration of Section 1 – Protecting and enhancing the things we love about Stratford-upon-Avon

David Morgan led the Group in a detailed examination of the draft of Section 1. The document was scrutinized line by line and almost word by word, and the suggested changes were recorded by Phil and David. The Editorial Team will take account of all the proposals in the re-draft and would welcome any further suggestions.

David was at pains to point out that each section will, by necessity, have a relatively succinct overview, with greater detail linked to evidence in the appendices. Nonetheless, there were a number of instances where the Steering Group required mention or further detail in the overview i.e. defining the character of the town, the concept of the town boundary and more specific mention of the river.

Green spaces, detailed on page 11 may not be exhaustive, and Dave asked that all members give further consideration to this list and get back to him with amendments or comments.

5) Items for inclusion in Section 2

The Steering Group is asked to give the list on pages 6 and 7 of Section 1 further consideration, and e-mail David Morgan with any comments or suggestions.

Phil Applin advised that he had been studying the Urban Design Framework. He considered it to be a good document with information which needs to be taken into account and not ignored. The link to this document is:

<http://www.stratford.gov.uk/files/seealsodocs/11203/Urban%20Design%20Framework%20for%20Stratford-upon-Avon%20-%20July%202007.pdf>

6) Updates from Working Party Chairmen

Helen Cook advised that the Woodland Trust had been keen to get involved with a Neighbourhood Plan, and has been most helpful in providing expert advice. Helen quickly ran through the woodland issues documented on pages 14-17. A note of caution was voiced by one member of the Steering Group who has issues with tree planting, and agreed to document his concerns and pass them to the Editorial team.

7) Update from Planning Consultant

The Planning Consultant advised that the Neighbourhood Area will be advertised in the Herald on 11 October which will announce the start of the consultation process ending on 7 December.

8) Correspondence on Neighbourhood Planning by local resident

Peter Emmerson believed that the statement by Mr Gordon Brace on Neighbourhood Planning was 'extraordinarily good', and 'demonstrates where we ought to be going'.

The Chairman concurred and advised that floating the idea for new planned settlements should be incorporated into Section 3.

9) Public Participation

The member of the public present:

- 8.1 Congratulated the Group on all their hard work which she found most interesting;
- 8.2 Unfortunately, she had 'heard it all before';
- 8.3 Applauded the tree planting policy;
- 8.4 Agreed with the need to protect the Green Belt.

9) Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:22pm.

ATTACHED:

Word Document – Stratford-upon-Avon Neighbourhood Plan Draft v3

Word Document – Note on Neighbourhood Planning by Mr Gordon Brace

Link to Urban Design Framework:

<http://www.stratford.gov.uk/files/seealsodocs/11203/Urban%20Design%20Framework%20for%20Stratford-upon-Avon%20-%20July%202007.pdf>

ACTION

- 1) Steering Group to review the list on green spaces on page 11 and email comments or amendments to David Morgan
- 2) Steering Group to consider issues for Section 2 see lists on pages 6 and 7 and e-mail and comments or suggestions to David Morgan

David Morgan e-mail: david@warksgolf.co.uk

- 3) Andrew Dow to email Editorial Team with concerns regarding tree planting.