
Great Gransden Neighbourhood Development Plan

Steering Group Meeting 10 December 2018

Minutes

Present: David Prest (DWP), Anne Constantine (AnneC), Martin Davies (MD), Stephanie Beaumont (SB), Tim Higginbotham (TH), Phil Hemmans (PH), Jonathan Bonnett JB), Andrew Pett (AP).

1. Apologies

Rachel Greaves (RG), Nigel Day (ND), Fiona Coulson (FC), Ann Cosgrave AnnC), Dean Sibley (DS)

2. Declarations of Interest in the agenda of the meeting

DWP reported that ND had declared his Development in Principle application to Huntingdonshire District Council for erection of a house in the grounds of the Mill House. MD noted that there may be implications for the Windmill.

3. Minutes of previous meeting 17 October 2018

Minutes approved.

4. Open forum

No members of the public attended.

5. Update on actions from previous minutes (not elsewhere on the agenda)

- Agreed that use of OS maps was essential for the NDP.
Action: MD to ask Diane to apply for OS licence on behalf of NDP.
- NDP on the agenda of the School's Governing Body meeting on 24th January.
Action: Andrew P will lead the discussion. DWP will try to attend. DWP to circulate his brief to all Steering Group members. (Done)
- **Action:** MD will circulate the village study (only documents marked 'DRAFT' available).
- DWP reported that all houses have now been leafleted.
- Letter for businesses ready to go.
Action: DWP to deliver to Sand Road businesses. MD volunteered to deliver to Hardwick Road, North Farm and all farms and SB to Eltisle Road and B1480 businesses. DWP will supply the letters. (All Done)
- Mark Deas advised postponing discussion with local landowners until later in the process when land use is proposed.

- **Action:** DWP will recirculate the NDP timeline. (Done)

6. Recent developments re housing in the village – update and implications

Because the HDC Local Plan is not yet formally in place, the policy of 'Tilted Balance' will hold sway, which means that, in the absence of relevant up to date development plan policies, the balance is tilted in favour of sustainable development and granting planning permission, except where the benefits are 'significantly and demonstrably' outweighed by the adverse impacts or where specific policies in the NPPF indicate otherwise.

It was agreed that it is important that we press on with the NDP to provide the local voice with more weight in planning decisions.

7. Funding update

Funding bid successful to the tune of £3280. This will fund the second questionnaire and January workshop. Must be spent by end of March.

8. Summary of first questionnaire feedback

DWP presented a summary of the feedback so far and thanked JB for his help.

- Likes – the strongest responses were for community spirit, environment, countryside, walks
- Dislikes - strongest responses were for traffic, speeding, road safety, lack of pavements, traffic pollution, unsustainable development
- Andrew P suggested approaching Jason Ablewhite for additional traffic measures.
Action: DWP to ask James Catmur and Andy Greaves to provide the traffic data from Speedwatch (Done, JC will attend January 18th Consultation event)
- AP recommended HDC's Sustainable Development document.
Action: AP will send round the link to members. (Done)

9. Environmental Assessment

Martin has obtained a lot of information from Natural England and Wildlife Trust. The Cambridgeshire Hundreds Project on woodlands will also be useful. There are a lot of country routes which are not marked footpaths which need to be recognized. This will depend on the relationships we develop through the NDP process. A record of special species in the Gransdens would be a useful appendix in the report rather than a long list of all major species. There are a lot of pictures to draw on for displays, events and the report.

Action: MD to crack on with writing this section.

10. Character Assessment

Dean had circulated his second draft of this chapter.

11. School and young people interactions

Thank you to Rachel who had circulated feedback from Barney's, the Nursery, the Playgroup and the School Eco Council. The feedback was very clear about numbers, capacity and origin of the children. Most of the Nursery and Playgroup children come from outside Great

Gransden. 51% of BOPS pupils live in the village, so further housing development will affect other primary schools as more places at BOPS are taken up by village pupils. SB attending Golden Time on Friday.

12. January workshop

Visuals – dotty map and charts. Martin will talk to Trevor B about best visuals for presenting the feedback data.

Nick Pillinger has data on how many attended the Savills event.

Confirmed 18 January in School Hall. To be called Neighbourhood Plan Consultation.

Action: Planning Group will meet at SB's at 11am on 19 December. (Done)

13. Date of next meeting

SB to confirm: Wed 9 January, Tues 12 February, Tues 12 March