
Great Gransden Neighbourhood Development Plan

Steering Group Meeting 13 November 2019

Minutes

Present: David Prest (DWP), Anne Constantine (AC), Jonathan Bonnett (JB), Stephanie Beaumont (SB), Nigel Day (ND), Andrew Pett (AP)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Martin Davies and Fiona Coulson.

2. Declarations of Interest in the agenda of the meeting

There were none declared.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 23 September

These were approved

4. Open forum

There was no attendance for Open Forum.

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

- Sand Road development and local need

Action: AP to ask RH if it is still possible to insist that affordable housing be prioritized to local/village need.

We need to return to the matter of providing for local need.

- Letter to Bourn Surgery

AP has spoken to Dr Lockyer and will write to Dr Redwood.

Action: AP to write to Dr Redwood and specifically suggest consideration of the Nurse Practitioner for a Gransden Clinic.

6. Potton site update

Potton/Kingspan is proposing to gift land at the end of the site adjacent to the Riddy to the village. There was much support for this in the meeting. There are questions around ownership and management to be discussed and resolved if the land is to be accepted.

7. Consultation Outcomes

- Apple Day

Good attendance from families. There was support for 2,3,4 bed houses, not 5 and support for brownfield development and some infill but no support for greenfield developments.

We will need to work with local landowners to improve public access to the countryside.

There was support for more/better pavements, other footpaths and play/leisure facilities. There is a Parish Council application already in for A428 study phase money for a footpath/cycleway on Meadow Road.

- Treasure Hunt
Similar responses as above.
- Homeworkers Lunch
About 12 attended. Pavements round the village was a popular topic and similar views to Apple Day.

8. NDP document

Good and positive feedback from ACRE.

Action: DWP will circulate.

Suggestions were:

- Adding a policy for loss of large gardens
- A clear justification for no more than 2 storeys
- Clear evidence for any green space designations – these need to be valued today by the community, eg the playing field, sports field

RH now writing all policies

9. Lessons from Cambridgeshire Local Councils Conference

A main theme of this conference was: **Think Communities**. “Communities usually know best”

The NHS Big Conversation document was also recommended reading and is useful – this is on the NHS website

NDP groups were urged to consider whether their plans should contribute to reducing the climate emergency.

Road safety was a concern everywhere. The NDP should identify the priorities in Great Gransden, potentially including flashing speed signs, approved stickers on wheelie bins, “gates” at village entrance etc. While these are costly relative to the precept, members thought we should actively seek grants and other funding on this as it is top of the list of concerns in all the feedback.

10. Boundary

There is much support for a village boundary.

Action: DWP will write a justification for the proposed boundary line.

11. Employers and Landowners

We need to get something out to employers again because of the limited response last time.

Action: MD is leading on approaches to landowners.

12. Next Meeting

4 December, Crown and Cushion. NB AC away

13. AOB

- Reading Room Management Committee invitation to be a representative organisation was agreed. Stephanie Beaumont was nominated.
- DWP recommended the Design Guide for Bury. JB drew attention to the Gaininglay Village Design Guide
- DWP volunteered to be Quiz Master for a Great Gransden Quiz Night during Village Hall Week – date confirmed as Friday 24 January. This will also be another awareness-raising opportunity, members are encouraged to publicise the event broadly.