
Great Gransden Neighbourhood Development Plan

Steering Group Meeting 8 May 2019

Minutes

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Andrew Pett and Martin Davies.

Members remembered with great sadness Angela Steele who has died. Angela was a founding member of this group and her major contributions to the work of the group at its outset were celebrated.

2. Declarations of Interest in the agenda of the meeting

None.

3. Minutes of meeting of 10 April

These were approved as a correct record.

4. Open forum

There was no attendance at the open forum.

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

- Penny Price has not responded to enquiries about the revised demographic data.

Action: AC to continue to chase this.

- Barnabas Oley Headteacher wants to meet about the Education text.

Action: AC to meet with Head/Chair of Governors to agree a revised text.

6. June 'Clubs Fair' consultation event

Our preferred date is still the 29th June, fallback date 15th June with the School fete.

Action: SB will check dates with the MUGA contractor.

7. Draft policies for Great Gransden NDP

7.1 Open spaces, landowners

A draft character statement and policies on the natural environment had been circulated.

MD/AC are trying to get meetings with landowners to tie down current ownership, capture the green initiatives, and discuss permissive access for walkers.

7.2 Building/Design Style

A draft Character Statement had been circulated.

There was discussion of housing style in Great Gransden. It was agreed that our policy should encourage good design in all housing of all tenures with design in sympathy with the housing character of the village. There should be off-road parking for all houses with access to electric charging designed in. Low-carbon/carbon-neutral building should be the norm. There should be diverse styles on any development and layout sympathetic to the environment.

Action: DS to incorporate into the Building/Design Style policies chapter.

7.3 Spatial

A draft Housing Policy had been circulated, which included four policy aims supporting

- small scale development
- sustainable development on brownfield sites
- the necessary infrastructure for sustainable development
- retention of designated local green spaces

Other policies proposed on:

- infill
- extension (or reduction?) of the Conservation Area.

7.4 Infrastructure and Facilities

Two policies proposed around:

- sport and leisure facilities
- traffic control, pavements, cycling paths

We need a policy statement on broadband and telecommunications but we need to talk to homeworkers about their needs and aspirations.

Action: FC to consider how to consult homeworkers and home-based business owners.

The possibility was raised of a policy for a sustainable energy facility in the village (small solar farm/wind turbine....)

Action: FC will check the Local Plan for policy guidelines.

Following previous discussion on GP surgeries in the village, it was agreed to approach the Gamlingay practice. The approach should come from the Parish Council. There is a standing item on Parish Council agendas for NDP updates.

Action: ND to organize a Parish Council approach to Gaminglay surgery to see if they could provide a satellite surgery on a weekly basis.

7.5 Education

A revised text will be circulated following the meeting with the Headteacher of the school.

7.6 Format

The draft of the Spatial Policies is the preferred format with Aim and Objectives plus continual reference back to policies in the LP but content is more important at the moment. Format editing can happen at a later date.

Crisp summaries of the policy proposals will be needed.

8. Next meeting – 12 June

9. AOB

It was agreed that it was not appropriate to repeat the Church fete stall this year as there will be a summer/early autumn consultation event.