
Great Gransden Neighbourhood Development Plan

Minutes of Meeting 12 June 2019

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

1. Apologies

Andrew Pett, Phil Hemmans, Rachel Greaves, Fiona Coulson, Martin Davies

2. Declarations of Interest in the agenda of the meeting

There were no new declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of previous meeting 8 May 2019

These were agreed as a correct record.

4. Open forum

There was nil attendance by members of the public.

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

- County Council demographics data

No response received from Penny Price despite calls, messages and emails.

Action: AC to keep chasing.

- Meeting with Headteacher

AC met with the Headteacher and Vice-Chair of Governors about the text of the Education Policies document. A revised version of the text has been sent to the above and to the Chair of Governors following the meeting and a response is awaited.

- Consultation with homeworkers

As FC was not present this action was carried over.

- Sustainable energy facility

As FC was not present this action was carried over.

- Gamlingay surgery

The Parish Council agreed the NDP proposal to approach Gamlingay Surgery. It was agreed that it would be desirable for the Reading Room to be offered free to the doctors' surgery/ies as an incentive to Bourn Surgery to continue and Gamlingay Surgery to introduce a Great Gransden surgery.

Action: ND to approach Gamlingay surgery with a formal invitation to set up a weekly surgery in Great Gransden.

Action: AC to propose to the Reading Room Management Committee that hire fees should be waived for the doctors' surgeries.

6. Autumn 'Clubs Fair' consultation event

The MUGA Opening is going ahead on 29th June 1-4pm. It will not be possible to combine the Village Clubs consultation event with the MUGA opening as the village marquee is not available and notice to the clubs would now be too short. It was agreed that it would be best to combine with it with Apple Day (6th October).

Action: AC to ask Fiona to go ahead and ask the Allotment Committee if we can do a joint event.

Action: If the above is agreed, DWP to send his letter to the societies.

The October 6th event will need to present the policies succinctly with the evidence behind the proposed policies available for scrutiny but all the background information will not be necessary. We will need to collect email addresses of interested individuals for the inspector to consult.

The Timetable has to allow 3 months for inspector scrutiny and pre-referendum consultation on the final draft plan.

7. ACRE support

The NDP grant funding is open again. We can apply for £6000.

Action: DWP to submit the bid which will be mainly ACRE consultation support and NDP event expenses.

DWP confirmed that he had submitted the end of grant report in May for the first tranche and returned the unspent balance of £289.18. Groundworks had acknowledged receipt of report and funds.

8. Policy updates for Great Gransden NDP

- Open spaces, landowners

MD was not present to give an update due to work commitments abroad.

- Building/Design Style

Action: DWP and JB will offer support to complete this section.

- Spatial

More has been added to this policy statement. AP needs to be involved in the discussion on infill policy.

Concern was expressed about the risk of loss of green features – ponds and trees in private gardens, for example, that are part of the village landscape.

- Infrastructure and Facilities

FC was not present to give an update.

- Education

The revised version of the Education Policies document was considered by the steering group. The main text should be expanded to include mention of Comberton as the preferred secondary school and the outstanding pre-school and out-of-school provision in the village (Playgroup, Nursery, Barneys).

Action: AC to revise the Education text to include these matters.

The section on young people's concern about traffic in the village to be moved to the Traffic section which needs to be written up. The group was informed that there is a Parish Council Sub-Committee meeting considering the problem of pavements (in particular Meadow Road) and the footpath/cycle path to Cambourne along Hardwick Road.

Action: DWP to ask James Catmur if he will write the Traffic section including all relevant data that he holds

Action: AC to send the traffic comments in the Education section to the author of the Traffic section.

All policy documents need to begin with a crisp summary of the objective, followed by information on consultees and consultation events, the background to the proposed policies, relevant data and the proposed policies. Actions that cannot be policy should be listed under 'Community Action'.

Action: All policy authors to follow this format.

Timetable now concludes April/May 2020.

9. Future meetings:

10 July 7-9pm

Group workshops in August arranged by members as needed

4 September 7-9pm

2 October 7-9pm.