

Marden Parish Council

Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group Meeting on
Wednesday 6 August 2014 at 19.30 in Marden Community Centre

Notes of the Meeting

Present: Michael Parkes (Chairman), David Bennett, Robin Brook, Arthur Fraser, Sandra Gladwyn and Jon Stannard

In attendance: Alison Sutton Parish Clerk, Michael Wellock and Claire Parker from Kirkwells

Apologies: John Roberts, Nick Webster and Bill Wright

- 1. Feedback from Kirkwells on draft themes, vision and objectives** – The issue of the 3 hamlets on the small villages list in the Core Strategy was considered. There has to be proven local need for housing that is appropriate in size and scale to the village. Marden NDP can write criteria that any development has to be in keeping with size and scale and also style, eg. Black and white houses for The Vault as that is the style in the village. Therefore it is appropriate but meets local need.

The settlement boundary for Marden and how and if it should be amended were discussed in relation to Paradise Green 2 development and the proposed development of the land between the school and New House Farm. 3 options were suggested by Kirkwells: 1) If have solely criteria based plan and no settlement boundary (SB), then development could be anywhere that meets the criteria – could rule out flood plain and heritage sites etc, could specify a number of percentage and maybe phase development 2) Amend the SB and add in Paradise Green 2 and New House areas 3) Amend the SB as in 2 and define the 2 sites for new development – Paradise Green 2 already in planning process and give preferred option for further development as New House area. It was agreed to go for option 3.

Consultation on preferred option for SB needed. Agreed that will have article in September News and Views with tear out return sheet to be posted in a box in village store – Clerk to check with Dave Watkins about this. Put up A4/A3 size maps on notice boards for people to refer to (as map will not reproduce well in black and white in News and Views). Also on the website with option of using the contact form to send response.

Clerk to get list of completions and planning permissions since 2011 from Ted Bannister. Clerk updated group that Housing Needs Survey not due till 2017-18, HC officer will try to get it moved forward but unlikely.

- 2. Structure and type of plan** – After discussion it was agreed that a policy plan with allocation of preferred site for development would be used.
Noted that there could be a policy about S&A seasonal workers' accommodation.
Clerk to get any policies from HC about wind farms and turbines.
- 3. Next steps** – Steering Group (SG) carry out consultation on SB and preferred option through September News and Views.
Kirkwells write first draft using documents from meetings to date and data from initial consultation, send to Clerk for 19 September.
SG to consider draft at meeting on 23 September, Clerk feedback comments to Kirkwells. Redraft for 3 October for discussion with Kirkwells at meeting on 7 October.
SG meeting on 28 August – move themes forward into objectives – how and what want to achieve from themes. Use meeting on 2 September as well and firm up vision of village in 2031.
- 4. Open forum** – As no members of the public were present, no further points were made.
- 5. To note date of next meeting** – Thursday 28 August 2014 at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre – to include a presentation to the Parish Council and SG by Architype about New House Farm land.