

## **Marden Parish Council**

Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group Meeting on  
Thursday 25 September 2014 at 19.00 in Marden Community Centre

### **Notes of the Meeting**

**Present:** Michael Parkes (Chairman), David Bennett, Robin Brook, Arthur Fraser, Sandra Gladwyn, John Roberts, Jon Stannard, Bill Wright and Nick Webster.

**In attendance:** Alison Sutton Parish Clerk; 3 members of public

1. **Apologies – None.**
2. **Consideration of previous proposals for the Community Centre –** Mike Williams gave a short presentation on the consultation and work done in 2011 by the Marden Village Trust to address the problems of shared use of the Community Centre. A feasibility study suggested a new build for youth and community activities to release the current Community Room and Committee Room to be classrooms. Original proposed site was next to the school.  
After discussion, it was noted that another option in proposed development at New House Farm might be a community room(s) plus a playing field and changing rooms, bar etc.  
Current tennis courts need major work as not floodlit and surface and fencing need replacing - £28k +. Changing rooms are basic and not up to standard of other villages' amenities. Football pitch is not big enough for cricket, so not multi-use.  
  
Noted that some households did not get leaflet about consultation by Architype. Clerk will add to October Parish Council agenda.
3. **Latest development proposal –** Information on the email received about a proposal for land opposite Brook Farm was noted and the possible implications of size of the site and suitability as in flood zone 2. Owners of Rose Villa site informed the Group that although have outline planning permission for 5 houses, only going to apply for 4.  
It was noted that the proposed site at Brook Farm and other possible sites have led to a re-evaluation of what should be done to amend the settlement boundary. The options are: 1) get rid of the settlement boundary or 2) amend the boundary to include planning permissions approved/built since 2011, i.e. Paradise Meadow phase 2, as Rose Villa site is already within the settlement boundary. Cannot include New House Farm site unless include Brook House Farm site (and possibly others), as this would be challenged at Independent Examination and the Plan would be rejected.
4. **Analysis of the questionnaire –** It was noted that there had been only 7.5% response rate to the questionnaire. However the questionnaire and the report will add to the evidence of community consultation.
5. **Consideration of first draft –** The Clerk has amended the first 4 sections of document from Kirkwells in line with comments received so far. This has included moving the Vision to the beginning of the document and combining various sections of the background etc.  
  
After discussion, it was agreed that members of the group would look at the Objectives and decide if any needed amending or being added to and then look at what outcomes they want from each objective. Comments to be emailed to the Clerk by Wednesday 1 October so the amended document can be sent to Kirkwells and, hopefully, returned in the new format for next meeting.
6. **Open forum –** No further points were raised.
7. **Date of next meeting –** Wednesday 8 October 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre