

Marden Parish Council

Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group Meeting on
Monday 5 January 2015 at 19.30 in the Community Centre

Notes of the Meeting

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

In attendance: Alison Sutton, Parish Clerk and 2 members of public

1. **Apologies – None.**
2. **Consideration of other options for allocating sites –**
The amended Call for Sites Assessment Report was noted, having been corrected after the last meeting. The Call for Sites Assessment Addendum was also noted. This gives the assessment for the resubmitted site 17 with a smaller curtilage.
After much discussion of the options in relation to the Vision and Objectives and what development gain might come from each option, it was agreed to keep the options as decided in December but include a fifth option on the response form for residents to give their choice if they wish. The issue of whether to consult on development numbers rather than just on sites was discussed and it was generally agreed to use numbers, though this may change.
The 2 drafts for a narrative to go with the map of each option were considered and it was decided to use the version that includes the actual objectives. The description of how each option meets the objectives was considered at length.
Michael Parkes and Arthur Fraser did not take part in this discussion about option 2, as they live adjacent to the site and declared an interest.
3. **Flyer delivery –**
It was agreed that the flyers had been delivered as much as possible to every household in the parish. Some members had found a level of apathy in residents away from the village who feel any development won't affect them.
4. **Items for display and arrangements for Open Events –**
The draft summary, response sheet and presentation were considered and amended. The Clerk will email the amended copies for final check on Wednesday.
The Clerk will prepare a display sheet with ideas for development gain that should support the Vision and Objectives. Following a question from the public attending, it was stressed that these ideals are the Steering Group's thoughts on what will lead to fulfilment of the Vision and Objectives. This is not the Parish Council's list of possible gains from development which will be discussed at the next PC meeting.
5. **Draft for the Open Events, map of green spaces –**
Minor amendments to 6 pages and the map were agreed. The Clerk will make the changes, add the maps of the green spaces and all submitted sites and send the draft round for final check on Wednesday.
6. **Open forum –** No further points were raised.
7. **Date of next meeting –** Wednesday 7 January at 19.30 in the Community Centre.

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