

Marden Parish Council

Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group Meeting on
Wednesday 7 January 2015 at 19.00 in the Community Centre

Notes of the Meeting

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

In attendance: Alison Sutton, Parish Clerk and 3 members of public

1. Apologies – John Roberts and Jon Stannard.

Meeting started early at Clerk's request. Apologies for multiple emails from her phone!

2. Final paperwork for Open Events –

It was felt that as numbers have already been consulted on, this consultation should be purely on the sites for allocation. Therefore it was agreed to put the 5 sites within or adjacent to the settlement boundary up for display and ask people attending to rank the 5 sites with their preference. Site 14 is too small to allocate and Site 12 is protected green space in the NDP. Narratives would have: site name; potential capacity from assessment report; NDP objectives and SG's comments on the site's likelihood of meeting the objectives; summary from appendix 1 in independent assessment report.

The comments of how each option meets the objectives was agreed for the new format.

Michael Parkes and Arthur Fraser did not take part in this discussion about site 17, as they live adjacent to the site.

Amendments made to response form in line with above. All other paperwork for Open Events agreed. Clerk noted that the flood map from the EA site is now in the draft, so sites for allocation and report of Open Events only things left to go in next week.

3. Open forum – The owners of Site 17 said they would provide a cricket pitch and asked for this to be noted. However, it was explained that the Steering Group are unable to take up such an offer as this is not in the remit of Neighbourhood Planning. The Steering Group's role is to develop the NDP document to support the Parish Council. The PC appointed independent consultants to do the assessment of the sites submitted in the Call for Sites and as this is an independent assessment, the Steering group cannot influence the report. The developers of the land will enter into agreement with Herefordshire Council for Section 106 monies at planning application stage. Any offer by the owners of the land should be to the Parish Council and be part of the planning application.

A question was asked about conflict of interest of members of the working group. Both the 2 Group members concerned declared a conflict of interest at the PC meeting in October when this land was first discussed and this declaration continues to be relevant.

4. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 14 January at 19.30 in the Community Centre.

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