

## **DENMEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

### Meeting Notes from the Forum meeting

<i>Date of Meeting</i>	Friday 13 April 2012 in the Old School at 7.00pm.	
<i>Present:</i>	Cllr Neil Lander-Brinkley (NLB) Cllr Felicity Hull (FH) Peter Ambrose (PA) Jenny Nell (JN) Jean Buckle (JB)	Cllr Kevin Andreoli (KA) Cllr Patricia Stallard (PS) Nat King-Smith (NKS) Chris Lyons (CL) Kirk Phillips (KP)
<i>Notes taken by</i>	Tony Daniells (TD), Clerk to Denmead Parish Council	
<i>Next Meeting:</i>	Forum: Thursday 31 May 2012, 7.00pm, Ashling Pavilion Steering Group: Thursday 26 April 2012, 7.00pm, The Old School	

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#### 1. Welcome

NLB extended a warm welcome to all. He advised the Forum that Dawlish were the first of the Frontrunners (from wave one) to submit their Plan to an independent examination. The submitted Plan was available from their website and JN had a copy which was passed around. JN ran through the content, noting that this was mainly in bullet form with all of the detail being contained elsewhere.

NLB updated the meeting on the meeting held by CPRE and SDNP that he had presented to.

#### 2. Apologies and Notes of Previous Meeting

Apologies were received from Nikki Bowler; Brendan Gibbs; Gren Phillips; Steve Lincoln; John Knight; Jim Kerr; Sylvia Wicker; David Griffiths and Pepe Chisenga.

The Notes from the meeting held on 15 March 2012 had been previously circulated. There were no comments arising from those notes.

#### 3. Report from WCC

JN referred to the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 which came into force on 6 April 2012. A summary of these had previously been presented to the Steering Group. The Plan would also need to comply with the NPPF. The NPPF was currently being reviewed by WCC. JN considered there to be ambiguity in the NPPF which would be clarified by challenges and case law. There was a transitional period of one year to get local plans in place. Saved policies would have less weight. WCC did not plan to publish a list of changes brought about by the NPPF as documentation was already coming through the planning profession.

#### 4. Use of the website – Draft papers

NLB asked Forum members for their views on putting draft of papers on the website. It was recognized that there was a need for transparency, but also a need to have material in a ready state for publication. It was agreed that early drafts should be unpublished until they were in a fit state for publication. This would be when all ambiguity had been removed, terminology between papers was consistent and when papers were nearer to their final draft. The website could refer to the work areas in progress and invite comments.

#### 5. Updates on Work Packages

- a) Development Placement – KA had walked around the north east part of the village and taken some photographs. JK and CL had agreed to join him in this work.
- b) Village Design Statement - PA reported that he was still awaiting comments and little had come in so far. He would now slim down the document and move much of the detail into an annex to be retained as part of the evidence base. PA would continue to use JK & DG for comments. The value was to show that the detail had been considered and some of it had been used. For example, the development at Mill House Gardens had incorporated some of

the features of the old Mill House and this had added to the attractiveness of the development. JN advised that you could have design policy in the NP, but it should allow for compromise. The NP was a document with a 20 year life.

c) There was no update as DG was absent from the meeting. There followed a discussion covering

- What might be allowed in a local gap
- The purpose of the local gap
- The availability of a map in the parish office to show the extent of the gap
- Reviewing the history of planning applications in the gap
- Establishing the needs and seeing where these could be met which in turn, would lead onto site allocations
- The Plan was not just about housing but covered other aspects which had been identified earlier in the life of the Plan

A comment was made that the village would be asked what would be acceptable and this then led into (d)

d) Community Engagement – JN referred to the Visioning and Development Principles used at the APA. The development Principles could be used as the themes on which to consult with the community. The village had characters with experience of engaging with residents. JN had tabled a document at the Steering Group meeting with engagement options. The following points were covered in the ensuing discussion

- There was a need to set the scene and then lead into specifics. The first step in the process may be to raise awareness.
- NLB had a person in mind who he had met at a HALC Conference who could help. The Clerk should contact this person to arrange a meeting to put a plan together.
- A matrix should be developed of who would visit the various village organization and what they would be discussing
- A list of village organization was held in the parish office, but response had been low
- NLB suggested sending out a letter to all organisations with the offer to come and talk about the NP
- The use of the screen by the checkout in the Co-op could be used to raise awareness, as could a roll out banner.
- Suggested a start date of June/July so to allow time to prepare
- Members of the Forum wishing to be involved were PS, NLB, PA, NKS and JK. The Clerk would arrange a meeting with these members.
- Forum members KA and FH agreed to take on some of the visits
- NLB suggested visiting the schools and the PTA as the children could help to raise awareness with their parents. FH also had a contact in Cowplain School. Coffee and cakes at the Pavilion on a Saturday morning could be used to contact parents of the young footballers.
- A large map with 'monopoly' pieces could be used to get an insight where residents would accept development and other areas covered by the Plan. A large map was available in the parish office.
- The Community Engagement Techniques document would be made available to Forum members

## 6. Future meetings

The next meeting of the Forum would be held on Thursday 31 May starting at 7.00pm in the Pavilion. The frequency of future meetings would be decided later when it would be clearer of what was needed.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

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