

DENMEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Meeting Notes from the Forum meeting

Date of Meeting Thursday 31 May 2012 in the Ashling Pavilion at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Neil Lander-Brinkley (NLB) Cllr Kevin Andreoli (KA)
Cllr Felicity Hull (FH) Cllr Patricia Stallard (PS)
Peter Ambrose (PA) Jim Kerr (JK)
David Griffiths (DG) Jenny Nell (JN)

Notes taken by Tony Daniells (TD), Clerk to Denmead Parish Council

Next Meeting: Forum: Monday 18 June 2012, 7.00pm, The Old School
Steering Group: Thursday 27th May 2012, 7.00pm, The Old School

1. Welcome

NLB extended a warm welcome to all.

2. Apologies and Notes of Previous Meeting

Apologies were received from Nikki Bowler; Brendan Gibbs; Steve Lincoln; John Knight; Pepe Chisenga; Nat King Smith and Jean Buckle.

The Notes from the meeting held on 13 April 2012 had been previously circulated. There were no comments arising from those notes.

3. Report from WCC

JN gave an update on the WCC Core Strategy. This was now entering a formal process stage. The document would be submitted to an independent inspection on 18 June. There had been some changes to the Plan and these had been documented. All consultees who had commented on the original Plan would be notified of the changes. The NPPF had been published subsequent to the original Plan and respondents to the original Plan would be asked to comment on whether they considered the Plan to be in compliance with the NPPF. The Plan would be open to public examination in either September or October. The target date for adoption was prior to the end of March 2013.

PA asked if there were any changes to the Plan specific to Denmead and JN replied that nothing came to mind. She further commented that a key outcome as far as the Inspector was concerned would be whether the Major Development Areas (MDA) could be delivered. A report from the Independent Inspector to the first Neighbourhood Plan prepared by Dawlish Town Council, and known to have been submitted to this stage, was still awaited.

4. Update on help offered by Locality

NLB reported that Locality had been funded to help 7 Frontrunners prepare aspects of their Plan. Denmead had been successful with their bid, which had been led by PA, and five representatives from Locality had visited the previous week for discussions and a tour of the village. Thanks were recorded to those members who helped at short notice.

Everyone considered that their resource would be of great assistance. It also gave access to other skills within the Locality organization. Deb Appelby, one of the Locality coordinators assigned to Denmead had skills in Community Engagement. During the tour of Denmead, Locality were receptive to what was going on. Their tour included the MDA and they were also shown the Gap and rural areas surrounding the village. A confirmation letter had been received from Locality with details of what they would help with. Locality would attend the next Steering Group. Locality had identified transport, flood plain, Parklands and the village centre as areas of concern.

5. Updates on Work Packages

- a) Village Design Statement - PA reported that pertinent information from the VDS had been extracted to be used as and when needed.
- b) Development Placement - KA had been unavailable for three weeks so little progress had been made during this period. The criteria against which sites would be assessed had been refined, but there was a need for a points system. PA suggested getting some advice from

Stuart Woodin at Locality. The work package was not just about identifying sites for housing, but for planned usage including office space, defined new green space, play areas etc. Another date would be set to continue with the review of sites. JN asked if WCC could help refine the assessment criteria as WCC had the SHLAA data. PA would pass the criteria by Locality for them to pass comment on.

- c) Local Gap – DG reported that work was still on hold. He was waiting for the NPPF to be reviewed by WCC. He enquired of JN if saved policies were in fact effective. JN replied that the NPPF was now law and that emerging plans and saved policies had to be compliant with the NPPF. If not compliant, the NPPF would take precedence.
- d) Community Engagement - NLB reported that this work package had started following a kick off meeting held on 18 May. Attendees at a coffee morning in aid of the Mayors Charities have been given an A5 summary of the Vision Statement and a postcard of 3 questions. The manager of the Co-op was happy to allow use of the car park for three Saturday mornings to engage with residents. The same postcard and A5 summary would be used. NLB had spoken with the schools and they were prepared to allow further engagement at the School Fete on 23 June. There would also be an exercise with the children and possibly involvement of parents. FH suggested attending DABS during August. Other ideas put forward were to
- Get the children to interview their parents
 - Give children a disposable camera and ask them to photograph what they liked/disliked about Denmead
 - Get Youth Clubs Hampshire and Isle of Wight to run their course of how to be a reporter.
 - Use a large 'Monopoly' map to identify housing areas. The new owner of the former Natwest Bank might be prepared to let DPC use the premises for this. Action:PS
 - NLB and JK would carry out further engagement outside of the Co-op on Saturday 2 June and further dates of 9 and 16 June would be arranged.
 - Balloons and stickers to hand out to children would be investigated.

6. How to get started on further work packages

NLB had some ideas on how to start other work packages such as Commercial and Industrial Property and Employment. There was a suggestion that the Forum should wait until Locality had offered some advice. JN suggested speaking with Estate Agents and land owners to see where the demand came from and what was letting at present. Other ideas were tabled such as involving members of U3A, including retail and getting input from retailers, involving service industries and not manufacturing. NLB suggested that members followed up on the ideas and brought them back to the Steering Group meeting in a weeks' time.

PA asked about other work packages. NLB replied that it was his view the Forum should initially concentrate on what DPC informed DCLG that it would do.

There followed a brief discussion on what others groups to engage with and how to attract more members to the Forum.

JN had heard a lot of questions posed at this meeting, not all of which had been answered. She suggested that the Forum really made use of the resource on offer from Locality and to let them know what our real priorities were.

7. Future meetings

The next meeting of the Forum would be held on Monday 18 June starting at 7.00pm in The Old School.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

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