

Winterbournes Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG)
Minutes of 9th meeting held on 17th March 2014

Attendance:

Mervyn Pannett (MP), Steve Bucknell (SB), Chris Campbell-Jones (CCJ), Maureen Atkinson (MA), Peter Biggins (PB) and Peter Ostli-East (POE)

Apologies: Richard Folkes (RF) and Graham Lloyd

1. **Minutes of last meeting.** The minutes of the 8th meeting held on 17th February 2014 were accepted and approved.

2. **Matters Arising.**

3.1 CCJ confirmed that The Winterbournes was classed collectively as a large village (secondary village).

4.1 MP had issued members of the NPSG with a Skeleton Neighbourhood Plan Document which included The Winterbournes' Vision and the original objectives that are detailed in the existing Parish Plan.

10. MA had cancelled the Glebe Hall and would book a date to be agreed for a public meeting. POE volunteered the use of the Church, which had restroom facilities and the ability to serve hot drinks, should the Glebe Hall not be available on the chosen date.

3. **Vision and Objectives.**

3.1 It was apparent that there is a disconnect between local councillors and the county planning department as to whether the NPSG should consult with local landowners as to whether they would wish to sell land on which to build new dwellings. Local councillors advise no and county planners advise yes, so that we can designate in advance the land which will be built upon. The view was that as an NPSG our remit should be to advise people of the options, not dictate the new built footprint and it is for the villagers (including local landowners) to decide in the NP. In any event the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) already identifies the sites in the village where building could be undertaken although if all the sites were built on, it would double the size of The Winterbournes. This would be unlikely to be acceptable to the present villagers, although future generations may take a different view and so it would be right to leave some sites "green", in a sustainable way, to meet future housing requirements.

3.2 There was also the issue over fairness where one particular SHLAA site might be overwhelmingly supported by those at the opposite end of the village, whilst the minority living close to the site would be forced to accede to the majority vote in the referendum. The fact is the SHLAA sites have already been identified and so comprise the options for building land for the villages to choose from.

4. Insert for Village Link.

4.1 The NPSG went on to discuss the insert to the Village Link which would be distributed to around 650 houses in The Winterbournes during the week commencing 24 March 2014 and which would also be available on the village website. It was vital to obtain an update on the views of the villagers to the objectives for The Winterbournes which were originally gathered for the Parish Plan some five years previously. These updated objectives would be used to inform and develop the Neighbourhood Plan. (NB: A copy of the insert that was agreed at the meeting by the NPSG is attached as an annex to the minutes).

5. Future Actions.

5.1 The updated objectives and considered opinions of the villagers should be sent either by email or hard copy to the Parish Clerk who would forward them on to the NPSG for consideration at the next NPSG meeting.

5.2 As far as the SHLAA sites were concerned, it might be possible to have an exhibition at various sites (perhaps even at the Summer Fete on 21 June) so that villagers could be made aware of their locations. This would be a prelude to the public meeting planned for the autumn. A draft version of the exhibition should be generated by 1st May 2014.

5.3 With regard to the above, it was thought that the Annual Parish Meeting in May would be an opportunity to inform the parish about what the NPSG had achieved so far and what steps were being considered, including a small exhibition at the Summer Fete, in the future.

5.4 MP had produced a Skeleton Plan Document which had been reviewed by members. It was agreed that this should be forwarded to the county planning department for consideration and comment.

Action: MP

6. AOB

6.1 None

7. Date of Next Meeting

7.1 22 April 2014