

GURNARD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Report on the 31st meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, held at All Saints Church Garden Room, Gurnard on Monday 9th June 2014 at 7.15pm

Present

Councillor Sean Harrison, Paul Fuller, Aslam Javiad, Terry Nolan and Vicky Spencer,
Messrs, Carl Blenkinsop, Joslam Bleriot, Bede Townsend and Jon Pearson.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Richard Cobden.

Election of Chairman

Cllr Sean Harrison opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. He explained that following the resignation of Guy Boorman, a new chairman was sought. No-one volunteered their services, but when asked, Bede, advised he would consider if he knew more about the position the Steering Group was in. The report from CBA was circulated and read as a starting point, and Bede agreed to stand. Aslam was asked to stand as Deputy Chair and he agreed.

Update from Chris Broughton Associates

CBA has been engaged by the Parish Council to draft the plan from the information gained by the Steering Group and Focus Groups with an aim to complete it by the end of this financial year. Chris has used all the available data, and produced many questions. To complete this work, he requires face-to-face meetings with the newly elected chairman and chairs of the focus groups together with the Parish Clerk. He has offered Wednesday 18th June or Thursday 19th June or the same days the week after. It was decided that Thursday 19th June suited most, to start at 2pm and work through until 6.30pm. The back room of the Portland Inn would make a suitable venue, and could provide light refreshments. For the Focus Groups the following members agreed to attend:

Buildings and Development: Guy Boorman

Environment: Jon Pearson

Regeneration, Economy and Tourism: Bede Townsend

Social Wellbeing & Community: Cllr Aslam Javaid and Cllr Paul Fuller

Administration support

Limited administration by Parish Clerk Sue Waters has been agreed by the Parish Council.

Before the meeting closed, a question was raised about the planning application for the 90 houses at Place Road. Cllr Fuller (as local IW Council member, Gurnard Parish member and Chair of the IW Council Planning Committee), explained that the planning officer is recommending acceptance as the homes are required to fulfil a housing need in Cowes (although the data used is 7 years old). The plans have been revised again slightly and will be discussed by the Parish Council this Thursday. He advised that if the Planning Committee refuse the application, the applicant has a six month period to lodge an appeal. He will arrange a local letter drop once the date of the committee meeting is confirmed (likely to be 22nd July) and advises residents who wish to object should make a protest during the site visit of the Planning Committee.

Meetings

Date of next meeting will be Thursday 26th June at 7.15pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.