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GURNARD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Report on the 27th meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, held at Gurnard Village Hall in Worsley Road on Thursday 23rd January from 7pm.

Present

Councillor Terry Nolan and Aslam Javaid, **Messrs** Guy Boorman (Chairman),, Carl Blenkinsop, Greg Malone, Bede Townsend, Jon Pearson,, Richard Day, Miles Seymour (consultant) and **Mesdames** Emma Stevens & also Martha James (Planning Consultant).

Apologies

Apologies were received from **Councillor** Paul Fuller and **Messrs** Richard Cobden and **Mesdames** Joss Blériot, Sarah Wyeth and **Parish Clerk** Rusty Adams.

Matters Arising from 21/11/13

a. Green Gap evidence

Sent Oliver Boulter and Sarah Wilkinson the survey undertaken as part of the evidence gathering for the GNP in relation to the green gap. The Council will consider this in the application for Place Road.

b. Ministerial visit

Unfortunately the Minister has cancelled his meeting to with the Gurnard NP Group. The meeting has been postponed.

c. Examination process

Ollie Boulter (IW Council) has indicated that the time scale from submission through to referendum to the plan being adopted as a policy document varies from 4 to 8 months.

Focus Groups:

- Buildings & Development – The group is looking at the National Planning Policy framework as part of background research. Also looking at the listed buildings and conservation areas in the Parish. A question was raised as to whether the group wanted more areas conservation areas designated. Note (MJ): if the group wants to have conservation areas in the Parish - reference should be made to the English Heritage website <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/caring/listing/local/conservation-areas/> which offers advice to community groups on designation. Also the group could speak to Lee Byrne (IW Council Conservation Officer) about what plans/ or investigation the Council might have undertaken in regard to conservation areas in Gurnard Parish. The group is also looking at housing density in the village. Note (MJ): The group could work out if there are character areas and work out the density for each of these areas to get a picture of the differences throughout the Parish as a whole

- Environment – The group met with Colin Pope (IW Council Ecology Officer) on the 16/1/14 to discuss ecology. The group will be looking at the ecological gaps with the Parish and seeing how any future development might improve the ecology of the Parish (by using Ecological stepping stones). Considering how the ecological areas can be linked - to improve biodiversity. The group also considered how monies from S.106 agreements could be used for environmental improvements. The Local Authority would consider requiring money from developers if the group has carried out research to show that it is something the community wants, and it meets the tests. Jon (JP) has contacted the Council regarding mapping and found that other than paper maps the Council would not be able to produce plans for the NP. The group was asked about coastal erosion, and it was confirmed that the environment group is not covering this topic. **Agreed that JP would look at www.Getmapping and the tools online to see if this website meets the mapping requirements for the NP. It was also agreed that the Environment group would do some research on whether coastal erosion is an objective that they should consider.**

- Regeneration, Economy & Tourism – The group met on the 13th January to look at more data. They are planning a business association event on the 6th March, with the aim of seeking views from the business community. *Broadband* - had a dialogue with Wightfibre to find out the broadband coverage in the parish with a view to seeing if there are any spots not covered. Group also

contacted BTInfinity. *Post office* - Spoken to IW Community Action group about the possibility of the Post Office re-opening in the Parish. *Shop* - the group is considering whether protection policies that are similar to the UDP tourism protection policies, could protect the future of the shop. Group planning on speaking to Gurnard Pines, the Regeneration Department (IW Council) and Visit IW. Guy Boorman reminded the group that they have to concentrate on what the community wants, rather than finding new areas of research to consider.

- Social Wellbeing & Community – nothing has been produced from this group. **Agreed that Aslam Javaid would speak to Paul Fuller and arrange a meeting with MJ before the 20th February.**
- Groups' Aims & Objectives – MJ will speak to all groups, once they start writing objectives

Village Consultation

a. Landowners & Developers

Concern has been raised that meeting with the developer for Place Road could prejudice the application. **Agreed: The steering group agreed to thank the developer for their interest, and say that they would like to enter into a dialogue after this application has been considered by the Council.**

c. Green Space Designations

Agreed: Draft objective and policy to be considered on the green space area, with a view to gathering evidence, including maps showing the area proposed.

Neighbourhood Plan:

Programme - It was updated on the 23/1/14 and the following changes were made:

Feb 2014 **Agree draft objectives for each group**

May 2014 **Agree options for policies**

June 2014 **NP open day and/or website make documents available for inspection for the community**

July 2014 **Consult LPA about draft NP**

Sept 2014 **Make changes and prepare for the Inspector**

Policy Writing

Agreed that once the proposed vision has been circulated to all members of the steering group that in February the group would produce a finalised vision statement.

Agreed that all groups (apart from social and well being) would start writing objectives by the February meeting. That all groups would send draft objectives to MJ by the 14 February for feedback.

Agreed: In regards to social and well being group that MJ to meet and have discussion about what evidence they need to write their objectives

Vision:

A draft vision was circulated and emailed to all members of the steering group of proposed wording for the vision. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting in February.

AOB

There were no AOB items raised

Meetings:

Next Meeting – Thursday 20th February 2014 at 7pm – Venue TBC

Other meetings set were:

- 20/3/14
- 17/4/14
- 15/5/14
- 19/6/14

The meeting closed at 9pm