

## **GURNARD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

**Report on the 35<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, held in the Village Hall, Gurnard on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 18:45**

### **Present**

**Councillor** Terry Nolan

**Messrs**, Bede Townsend, Richard Cobden, Jon Pearson, Carl Blenkinsop

### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Vicky Spencer, Sue Waters, Aslam Jarviad and Paul Fuller

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> January were agreed.

### **Matters Arising**

No Matters were brought up

### **Member Discussion V.03 of the Draft GNP document**

Members spent the first 45 minutes of the meeting re-reading the new V.03 of the draft plan to agree/ discuss all the changes that had been made or needed to be added.

At 19:30 members of the group held a Skype conference call with Chris Broughton as Alyson Linnegar was unable to attend. A number of changes were agreed, along with the removal of Spencers Field and the Woods along the North shore/Coast from the Green Spaces map.

The main issue that the group had raised was the principle of the "Green Gap" that borders Cowes to the East. There seemed to be confusion with Chris Broughton associates as to what had been the Communities, most staunch objection, which was development on this gap and not the entire boundary of Gurnard to neighbouring Parish of Northwood.

Chris Broughton to update Alyson who will have further discussions with the IW Council Planning Dept on the new wording.

Jonathan Pearson has resent the Map of the Parish boundary showing the removal of Spencers field and the Woods but also highlighting areas that "could" be considered more desirable for small scale development, based on our survey data.

This was backed up with information from Chris B on Section 106 and Policy H2 which allows land owners to put forward land for affordable housing and for the Parish Council to collect financial contributions from developers under Section 106, that can be used to assist with the purchase of land or to engage with a housing association.

It was made clear to Chris Broughton that the view from this Community was that the most important aspect of life in Gurnard was its individual and distinct identity as a semi rural Village bordering Cowes. For this to be maintained the Green Gap must also be maintained.

The Skype conference ended with Chris B agreeing to discuss with Alyson all the points raised and to arrange for a meeting of the GNPS with Alyson followed on the same day with a separate meeting with the IW Planning dept, to finalize any last discrepancy with regards to any wording.

Members agreed to wait for the outcome of the proposed meetings before booking a date for the Draft GNP Public Consultation evening.

### **Public Consultation**

The group are awaiting details from Chris and Alyson before moving forward with this. It has been agreed though that only Chris Broughton will attend the consultation and that only Alyson will attend the GNPSG meeting along with the IW Planning meeting. This is to keep cost down.