

A meeting of the NDP Steering Group took place at 19.35pm in the Canada Room, Liphook Millennium Centre, Midhurst Road, Liphook on Tuesday 12th November 2019.

MINUTES

Present:

Chantal Foo (VC)
Cllr Jeanette Kirby (arrived 19.45pm)
Roger Miller
Cllr Rebecca Standish

Apologies:

Darren Ellis Louise Bevan Cllr Sumi Olson Raine Ryland

Also in attendance: Jane Lackenby – NDP Administrator

Cllr Bill Mouland

Richard Curry (Working Party Member) (public) Christine Hill (Working Party Member) (public) Andrew Pope (Working Party Member) (public) Colin Osborne (Working Party Member) (public) Chris Meech (Working Party Member) (public) Gabrielle Pike (Liphook Herald) (public)

1. Welcome and Introductions

CF welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Declaration of Interests

There were no interests declared.

3. Approval of a revision to the normal minutes from the meeting dated 10.09.2019

The revised normal minutes were proposed by RM and seconded by CF – minutes accepted.

4. Approval of normal minutes from the meeting dated 08.10.2019

The normal minutes were proposed by RM and seconded by CF – minutes accepted.

5. Matters arising from minutes not addressed in the agenda

Action items from the previous normal meeting on 08.10.2019 were checked, and considered all to be completed apart from:

- a. Item 4. New members LB and SO to provide bio and photos to JL. Action LB/SO
- b. Item 12. 2020 meeting dates JL to add to website.

Action JL

6. Locality – Funding and technical assistance update

i). Grant Funding

Locality have approved the £4,900 funding that was requested. This was on the basis of the invoice from Feria Urbanism to assist with the next stage of consultation assistance.

RM queried whether Feria should start work now on the base document, CF clarified that we have been advised by Feria to get the SEA/HRA information first to make best use of the funding and their assistance.

ii) Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

The technical assistance for this was approved on 07/11/19. The lead consultant from AECOM will be in touch with the Parish Council within 5 working days.

CF to follow up if no contact has been made by 13/11/19.

Action CF

AECOM will set out timescales and arrange initial consultation and a meeting with the NDP.

iii) Site Options and Assessment

This is a separate stage of technical advice which has also been offered. AECOM will take an independent look at all the sites the NDP have received, analyse and make recommendations of the most suitable sites based on a set criteria, portrayed through a short report.

There are approximately around 30 sites that they will look at. They will assess at higher level to sort through sites that are not compliant with legislation, then look at the remaining sites in more detail.

iv) Habitats Regulations Assessment

We have not heard back in regards to this to date. Although the HRA is carried out on the sites chosen for allocation by the NDP, which is when the consultants can start effectively the process and finish the HRA. In the meanwhile they can carry out research in parallel.

Although AECOM are carrying out EHDC's SEA, they will ensure there is a completely separate team working on the NDP's SEA, with a virtual 'barrier' between the two teams to ensure no conflict of interest.

7. Call for Sites update

a. Results

Eighteen submissions were received during the Call for Sites. The log of the sites received was reviewed at the meeting and it was noted that some new sites have come forward.

Gabrielle Pike asked whether the list was going to be made public. CF responded that a map of the sites would be created during the process with AECOM.

Cllr Bill Mouland flagged that the Chiltley Farm site is already in EHDC's draft local plan.

A working party member asked what would happen if EHDC decide to allocate Chiltley Farm for housing development.

CF responded that the Parish would have to take it as a site if they are allowing EHDC to allocate sites for housing numbers. The alternative would be for the NDP to take the housing number instead, but there is risk in this strategy, which has been discussed with EHDC.

A discussion followed regarding the EHDC Large Development Sites Consultation. Comments were made that the previously allocated sites in the EHDC Local Plan, Northbrook Park and the Whitehill site, need to be proved that they are the best options as a result of the Large Development Sites Consultation. EHDC District councillors commented that they are not supportive of the proposed Liphook site, and have made this clear to EHDC. It was also not supported in the responses by SDNPA and Lynchmere Parish Council as it is in conflict with the agreed Highfield School Estate Plan.

CF asked the District Cllrs whether they will be carrying out an SEA on the Large Development Sites prior to allocating the preferred sites. Cllr Mouland indicated that the final decision should be made by Christmas, but this is subject to EHDC's timeframes.

RM flagged that there is an interesting article on the Northbrook site in the Times newspaper.

It was agreed that meetings with land promoters would not take place until advised to by AECOM and Feria Urbanism.

b. Actions post end of consultation

We have asked EHDC for a copy of their Call for Sites and this has not been made available to us yet so will need to be followed up.

Action JL

JL to check that the SDNPA sites are included in our list of sites.

Action JL

8. Health & Wellbeing

Due to Louise being absent from the meeting, this will be deferred to another meeting.

9. Midhurst Road car park noticeboard

Cllr Mouland was thanked for enabling the NDP to take over the noticeboard.

Working party members Andrew Pope and Colin Osborne volunteered to help clean and fix the noticeboard.

Ideas for content for the noticeboard were welcomed.

A poster will be made up advertising for new Steering Group members. Action JL/CF

10. Communications

a. Website and social media education information

The next round of updates will be related to the SEA and why the Call for Sites was needed.

Community magazine deadline of 25th October 2019 was missed. An article will be written for the next one.

b. FAQ

JL to continue to work on the FAQ page for the website.

Action JL

11. Press releases

A press release was put out at the end of October calling for new Steering Group members.

The next press release will be with regards to the SEA and associated work.

Gabrielle asked for a copy of the list of the sites submitted to the Call for Sites. There was a discussion regarding the data protection implications of releasing the information at this stage. CF will check and share when possible.

Action CF

12. Next meeting, and next steps

The next meeting is on Tuesday 10th December 2019 in the Canada Room.

CF will update the Steering Group on next steps after the AECOM consultants have been in contact.

11. A.O.B

There were no AOB items.

The meeting finished at 20:35.