

# MINUTES- EYNSHAM FUTURES STEERING GROUP MEETING. 7.30 PM, TUESDAY, 17 January 2017. BARTHOLOMEW ROOM, EYNSHAM

## eynsham futures

## **VOLUNTEER TO TAKE MINUTES. Posy Parrinder**

PRESENT: Angie Titchen(AT), Richard Andrews(RA), Marie Mills(MM), Eleanor Chance(EC), Dennis Stukenbroeker(DS), Posy Parrinder(PP), Nina Turner(NT), Gordon Beach(GB), Sandy Hellig(SH) Members of the public- Chris Potts(CP), Margaret Key(MK), Joan Stonham(JS).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Sue Chapman (SC), Jon Bright, Peter Emery, Charles Mathew, Rolando Medina, Steve Parrinder, Paddy Coulter (PC), Jane Osborne(JO).

DECLARATIONS OF ANY CONFICTS OF INTEREST: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Agreed the members of the public were welcome to contribute throughout.

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF 20 Dec 2016- Approved as an accurate record.

#### **MATTERS ARISING:**

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION RESPONSES (Correspondence)** 

RA doing changes to ENP as necessary and showing tracked changes in Consultation Feedback supporting doc.

PP has emailed Dr Alan Larkman asking for the map of the fields at City Farm. He gave a talk on the biodiversity at City Farm attended by EC, AT, MM & PP. PP also asked if we could use some of his pictures of the fields in bloom. No reply received to date. PP gave RA a paper copy the Plantlife map, marking the important fields, which had been circulated a few weeks before. PP will chase up with Dr Larkman and failing that with Robert Crocker in case the sitemap referred to on 20.12.16 was a different one.

#### **REMIT OF ENP**

A revised FAQs is on Eynsham Online and has been publicised on Facebook. This was thought to be useful. There was discussion and members were asked to read them and send suggestions to RA/PP.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Correspondence noted.

Danny Dorling & Paul Sandford- to be invited to talk on Garden cities in between now and ENP Referendum. AT to check Danny Dorling's availability in June. PP to invite Paul Sandford.

Discussion of other possible speakers such as someone from

- Bicester on the pitfalls SH to research
- Heyford, Dorchester Living Group PP to research
- Roger Dudman Way SH to research

Jansons Property/Goldfield Estates requested meeting re. fields south of Derrymerrye Farm- part of Western site. *EPC/EFSG arranging meeting of small panel*.

#### WODC Draft LOCAL PLAN -

#### WEST OXFORDSHIRE GARDEN VILLAGE (WOGV)-

It was noted that WODC GV has been accepted by the Government as one of the 15 nationwide GVs, unlocking extra funding streams for infrastructure as well as help to speed up planning/masterplanning. Only £200,000 is going to be available for the latter.

Discussion regarding 2 locations and their relative viability: -

- GV1- Tilgarsley GV, North of A40 at Eynsham (as in draft modifications) OR
- 2. GV2- South of Barnard Gate GV located south of A40, north of South Leigh. Site proposal has been submitted by Gladman to WODC/Planning Inspector. Shown at meeting. PP to put copy in Library. It is at Eynsham Online as well- see "NEWS"

EFSG decided not to support/fight either proposal. The 2 alternatives will go before the WODC Planning Inspector for a decision. RA is altering ENP 16 to reflect the 2 alternative scenarios.

There was debate on the merits of having a Bio-diversity Policy section in ENP in the light of the evidence of the Site of European Importance (PLANTLIFE) at City Farm at GV1. NT will research what weight it could have. RA to consider.

There was debate re. strengthening requirement for greater separation between GV1 and Eynsham. It was decided not to make this too inflexible as a wide buffer might put greater pressure on more bio-diverse land in north of GV1 site.

WODC appear not in favour of GV2. Their priority is pushing the current draft Local Plan through as expeditiously as possible. They have had a large number of responses to deal with. Date for the resumption of the Planning Inspector Hearings is still unknown.

#### **ENP TIMETABLE AND SUBMISSION TO WODC**

Discussion on strengthening Spatial Policy statements (ENP14, ENP16, ENP17)- RA will use the Recommendations boxes more widely esp regarding where we want the allocation of houses to go.

Phasing was discussed. The priority is to ensure Infrastructure delivery before houses were occupied. Flexibility was essential but this will be emphasised in Recommendations boxes- RA

Statutory Consultees responses- Many coming in. PP acknowledging and will forward to RA to accommodate into ENP as appropriate, copy to EFSG

Bio-diversity/Heritage policies being recommended by Natural England and similar expected from Historic England – RA to consider.

Pre-Submission Consultation findings doc by AT, SH, NT & MM- Chair thanked them for their meticulous work on this. Document is on Dropbox (Working Docs>Current Versions>Pre submission Feedback Analysis). RA will include ideas where possible in policies.

Discussion on how to address people's concerns esp where matters were outside the remit of ENP. Decided the plan needs introductory sections-

- "Eynsham within its strategic context" AT, NT, SH & MM team will draft something.
- Benefits of ENP- Public realm. NT will draft.

## **Local Green Space-**

Meeting agreed need for more reasons in ENP12 based on heritage & bio-diversity issues. *PP to draft* PP has nearly completed the 14 "Checklist and Criteria for LGS in ENP" docs. Adding in maps- NT helping- owner comments, support comments, photos and other documents. They will go on Dropbox when complete. SC and Jane Thompson thanked for photos.

Facebook Project- at 9<sup>th</sup> Jan, 1847 people have been reached, 63 reactions, 11 comments and conversations. All as a result of strategy to set up a series of questions and debates on issues such as GV. AT, MM, NT and SH thanked for this. *Comments being included in Pre-Submission Consultation findings doc. - AT* JS added that at Eynsham Online in the last 30 days the NP page has been read 3904 times and 788 of our PDF docs downloaded.

All were keen to continue this success to Referendum time. SH will do tweets as well.

### AOB

Thanks to RA for writing the Eynsham News article. He wondered if someone else might like to have a go at drafting the next one? *Suggestions to PP or RA* 

An Education meeting is being set up soon to check on Eynsham Partnership Academy position in relation to ENP – PP, RA, PC, JO.

**NEXT MEETING ON 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 Note Date Change.**