

SHERSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

STEERING GROUP

Subcommittee

Notes of the Meeting held on Thursday 15th October 2015 at Pinkney Park At 7.30 pm

Present:

Mr John Matthews (JM), Mr Mike Johnson (MJ), Mrs Sarah Wood (SW), Mr John Knight (JK), Mr Harry Stevens (HS), Mr Graham Hayman (GH).

1. Apologies

Apologies were given from Mr James Pyle

2. Update since last meeting on November 21st 2014

There has been a long delay since the last meeting for a number of reasons; however it has been agreed by the group to continue. Wiltshire Council has offered assistance where possible and Georgina Clampitt – Dix will be attending some meetings again to provide guidance.

Surgery Update

The Surgery and Wiltshire Council are in talks regarding the possibility of a new surgery and site. Wiltshire Council would build/finance new build and lease it to the surgery which would result in a guaranteed income for the Council. The ideal location would be in the field behind the school (site1 – west of school and Knockdown Road) where the proposed 10 elderly units would go.

Elderly Units

This is progressing with negotiations with the landowners of site 1 (west of new school). If the project goes ahead, a few of the 10 units would be private and sold to help finance project.

ACTION – the group to ask Wiltshire Council if they have produced a master plan and to provide results of any land studies undertaken.

The Vicarage Site

Since the last meeting, the plans are now to renovate the vicarage (not demolish it), build 2 new houses and create extra land for cemetery.

Site updates

Site 1A:- as above. If site is chosen what are the implications on the school future growth? Will Wiltshire Council wish to promote additional housing development on this site?

ACTION–discuss with school their plans/thoughts for possible expansion in the future. Discuss with WC their aspirations for the site.

Site 1B. West of site 1: - this site previously was not put to the village as a high priority for potential development at the village consultation. The reason was when the land was scored by Foxley Tagg, it scored less well than some other sites and it wasn't considered necessary to identify additional land for housing development - so was disregarded. Since last November the owners of Site 17 have withdrawn have asked the land to be reconsidered for potential development.

ACTION- consider need to allocate this site for future housing development (possibly as part of a larger mixed use allocation with Site 1A)

Site 6, North of Sandpits Lane: - the owners of this site initially indicated that they were only interested in purely residential development. However they have since got in touch with JM and

indicated that they may consider a sports field development with a few houses on the site frontage. They have employed a consultant planner and are waiting to hear from the NHP Steering group for further instruction.

Site 3 Paddock West of Sports field: - this was sold in the spring. There was not enough time for the parish council to make a bid or funding available. The owners have not been approached regarding the future of the land. If site 4 (sport field) was to be improved – may be sensible to approach the owner to clarify the situation.

3. Next stage of process

There is a need to move the plan forward. The village is in a very vulnerable position until the plan is finalised and adopted .Possible future (short term) actions:

Identify Tasks

- Remind people of the NHP , where it currently stands and what has gone before
- Inform them of changes
- Clarify sites, number of houses , options and implications
- Look at village boundary
- Any changes needed in light of considered sites

'Re- launch' of plan

- Remind people of options /sites in the Cliffhanger and social media
- Questionnaire to every household
- Visit as many groups/organisation in Sherston raising awareness

4. Future actions

It was agreed for this sub- group to meet again once the following answers have been sought by MJ and JM;

- Can the NHP last longer than 2026?
- What are the Schools future plans and expectations?
- Is there a parish similar to Sherston that has finished its plan, from which Sherston can draw experience?
- What studies have Wiltshire Council undertaken on site 1?
- Update on Surgery and elderly units from WC

MJ will also contact FoxleyTagg. It was agreed to plan a “relaunch” of the plan in the New Year.

5. AOB – None

6. To confirm a date for next meeting

Once questions have been clarified and answered JM will arrange the next meeting.

Meeting finished at 9.20pm.

Notes taken by SW.