

SHERSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Notes of meeting held on 29th May 2014

At 6.15pm Sherston Village Hall prior to the APM at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Mr J Matthews (JM) - Chairman

Mrs Sarah Wood (SW) - Admin Support

Representatives of the following Groups/Organisations

Mr Freeth (NF)	Sherston Churches
Mr Llewellyn Palmer (ML)	Sherston Pre-School
Mr Harvey (SH)	Sherston School
Mr Johnson (MJ)	Sherston Old School Committee
Mr Price (AP)	Sherston Youth
Mr Johnson (RJ)	Sherston Businesses
Mr Thomson (JT)	Wiltshire Council
Mr Knight (JK)	Sherston Allotments
Mr Minors (CM)	Wiltshire Council
Mr E Blair (EB)	Sherston Youth
Mr Smith (KS)	Sherston Sporting Association
Mr Johnson (RJ)	Sherston Business's
Mrs Curson (JC)	Green Square
Mrs P Petit (PP)	Tolsey Surgery
Foxley Tagg (FT)	Sally Tagg (ST)

Nonmembers of the public were present. Definitions: "NHP" means Neighbourhood Plan

Item

The group met prior to the APM meeting at 7.30pm

133 Apologies for absence:

KS and MR sent their apologies.

134 Visions and Objectives

ST informed the group that it needs to get the sites out into the open with the public to discuss further. The objectives need to be revisited to see which one can be turned into policy and which ones will be left as informal notes on the plan.

ST ran briefly through the objectives originally set out in 2012 to ascertain how each objective came to pass.

Objective 1 (Provision of facilities) – ST asked how the new doctors surgery idea came to fruition. JM explained that the idea/plan initially came from the surgery itself when asked to join the steering group in 2012; the idea was subsequently supported by the public at the workshops held. ST informed the group that the public must be reminded where these ideas came from. CM replied that two major events were held and documented in formal reports and original objectives were refined by the group. he commented that the group must be aware of consultation fatigue.

Objective 2 (Development Aesthetics) - it is useful to have a design code, success is in the detail. ST went on to say that the group would have to think about the exact level of detail involved. The group all agreed.

Objective 3 (Businesses) – ST was told that there are a lot of microbusinesses / businesses run from home and how the obtainment of super-fast broadband was vital. ST agreed that it is an enormous issue but difficult as a policy. It is only a planning obligation; put pressure on those who can deliver; also how to retain current businesses must be considered.

RJ commented that Objective 3 does not mention the importance of transport links. ST replied that there is only so much a NHP can do for improvement to public transport. JT thinks the future lies with community transport, shared cars etc., not public transport as it is currently.

Objective 4 (Housing needs) - The housing policies in the plan need to be very well thought through, numbers, sites , type of housing etc. Identified housing needs looked at and addressed where possible, so if a developer comes in and wants to build only executive homes, but the village want starter homes, then this could be in the plan.

Objective 5 (Leisure etc.) - In the site analysis there is one example of an open space/leisure provision opportunity. ST believes it is a good idea and needs to be explored further.

Objective 6 (Traffic Management) – Always is an issue and again needs to be looked at in more detail.

Objective 7 (Countryside) – In a location like Sherston the surrounding countryside will always be important. Locals will be the ones to identify ways to improve /enhance its high quality.

Objective 8 (Environment) - ST recommended issues such as low carbon economy could be considered in the design code.

All the objectives will be in the next Cliff-hanger and the next task will be for the group to break each one down to identify those which can be made into policy and as ST mentioned previously, those that can be an informal note in the plan.

135. To confirm date for next meeting

The next meeting will be on the 17th June.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm. Notes were taken by Sarah Wood, Admin Support to the Steering Group.