

# **SHERSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP**

**Notes of meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**at 7.30pm Sherston Village Hall**

**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 Thomson (JT)	Malmesbury Area Board
Mr Minors (CM)	Wiltshire Council
Mr Price (AP)	Sherston Youth

3 members of the public were at the meeting.

Definitions: "NHP" means Neighbourhood Plan

## **Item**

### **115. Apologies for absence:**

Apologies sent from Tolsey Surgery, Jo Curson and Martin Rea.

### **116. Approval of notes from last meeting**

Minutes from the February meeting were approved.

SH commented that after reading last month's meeting he was surprised to hear that people say that they have not heard about the NHP, himself and ML have offered to do any leaflet drops required.

### **117 Correspondence**

117.1 JM thanked ML for his email and his comments regarding the February meeting were excellent and echoed by many other members of the group.

117.2 JM received an e mail from Mrs Shipsey; she is putting forward part of her land for consideration for development. JM has thanked her for her e mail and asked her to clarify which bit of land is she suggesting and what type of development does she have in mind.

A landowner in Willesley is in the process of putting forward a piece of land for consideration. All land put forward will be looked at and analysed with others under the SAE requirements.

### **118 To discuss the next stage of the NHP and other information**

118.1 Vicarage Site - JT has asked NF to find original plans for the site of the new vicarage and WC will work with the vicarage to see how it can be improved. JT will arrange a meeting between WC and Diocese at Chippenham; the Diocese will be able to witness the support given by WC.

118.2 Outside help - MJ and JM are meeting with two firms both are planning consultants, both have experience in working on Neighbourhood Plans. Once firm is chosen, they will look at what has been done so far, report back to Steering Group on the 6<sup>th</sup> May with initial findings and give independent guidance on the way forward. The firm's first task will be to go over the SAE and update it so it is current. The second task will be to look at all sites put forward for development , analyse and score each site so it then becomes clear which ones can stay in the debate for realistic consideration.

118.3 Time scale – JT advised the group not to wait for the core strategy to be in place, but to carry on with the plan. WC will make sure before it goes to any inspector that it is not in conflict with the Core Strategy. MJ and JM will give an update on the potential target day at the next meeting, after they have spoken to the planning consultants.

118.4 Affordable Housing – JR informed the group that WC has received news that an extra funding has been put forward to deliver homes for the elderly in rural communities if there is proof of need. Sherston has been put forward and WC would like it to be one of the rural villages to benefit from more homes for the elderly. WC is looking at land that they already own or land that wouldn't be developed on normally. Land around the back of the school including WC owned fields is being considered. Mr and Mrs Moody owners of potential land near the school were also in attendance and WC had communicated with them. Mr and Mrs Moody believe that more parking around that area should be incorporated in any new development as is it desperately needed and would benefit the school. JM thanked JT for putting Sherston forward as it is a great opportunity as more homes for the elderly is on the NHP wish list, however wants to make sure it ties in with other overall plans. CM will arrange a meeting with JM, MJ , Mr and Mrs Moody and Janet Obrien who is the Housing Delivery Officer at WC

118.5 Sports field – The parish council are now in possession of the deeds and it does have a covenant on the field, which states no housing development, however it needs further investigation. SW to ask MR to bring to next meeting.

#### **119 – Future Actions**

JM and MJ to meet with town planning firms and choose which company to proceed with. JM informed the group that if anyone wished to attend, the meeting was taking place at Pinkney Park between 10.30 and 2pm.

JT will arrange a meeting between WC and Diocese at Chippenham; the Diocese will be able to witness the support given by WC.

CM will arrange a meeting with JM, MJ, Mr and Mrs Moody and Janet Obrien who is a lead office on housing at WC. SH mentioned he might like to attend, JM informed the group that when a date has been set for them meeting he will forward it to all, if anyone wishes to attend.

MJ has asked all members of the group to relook at initial objectives, such as new pre-school building, or new allotments and examine what is trying to be achieved and how it can be realistically delivered. MJ also asked those with particular interests such as public transport, broad band etc to look at the possibilities and think how they can fit into the plan.

#### **120. AOB and Questions**

All discussed

#### **121.To confirm date for next meeting**

The next meeting will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> May

The meeting closed at 8.30pm. Notes were taken by Sarah Wood, Admin Support to the Steering Group.