

SHERSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Notes of meeting held on Tuesday 18th December at 7.30pm in Sherston Village Hall

PRESENT:

Mr J Matthews (JM) - Chairman
Mrs Sarah Wood (SW) - Admin Support

Representatives of the following -

Mr Freeth (NF)	<u>Groups/Organisations</u>
Mr G Morris (GM)	Sherston Churches
Mr M Rea (MR)	Sherston Parish Council
Mr A Price (AP)	Sherston Village Hall
Mr M Johnson (MJ)	Sherston Scouts and Youth
Mr R Johnson (RJ)	Sherston Old School Committee
Mrs J Curson (JC)	Sherston Businesses
Mr K Smith (KS)	Green Square
	Sherston Sporting Associations

Definitions: Neighbourhood Plan (NHP)

Two members of the public were at the meeting

Item
49. Apologies for absence Mr Chris Minors (CM), Mrs I Johnston (IJ), Mrs A Llewellyn Palmer (ALP) Dr P Petit(PP), Mr S Harvey (SH) Mr J Knight (JK) and Mrs H Quirk (HQ)
50. Approval of notes from last meeting The notes were approved.
51. Matters arising
51.1 Workshop Report The finished document was circulated for comments.
51.2 CABE visit GM, JM and MJ attended a free Design Council Neighbourhood Planning Workshop held in Swindon at the end of November. They shared experience with and heard from local groups who are going through the NHP process.
51.3 Meeting with Wiltshire Council MJ and JM have met with Wiltshire Council to establish what land that it owns and identifying land that has been asked by local landowners to be considered for possible new developments. All will be looked at later in the process.
51.4 Draft Objectives All have been sent the draft objectives which have had two additions under objective 6 as suggested by AP at the November meeting.
51.5 Other meetings JM with JC and a colleague visited the village to look at sites owned and partially owned by Green Square. Anthony Close is totally owned by Green Square where the majority but not all of NorthEnd Gardens are the owned by the group.
52. SA/SEA During the meeting with WC MJ and JM were informed that although a SA will not be necessary a SEA will need to be completed. WC provided background information, useful data and a standard template to use as base of report. MJ has circulated a draft SEA to the group and he has used information found from other parish and town councils SAE to help compile it. WC will supply the graphs, studies etc to complete it. The fact that a scoping report has been undertaken will need a six week consultation period and will be advertised. The SEA is very much a working document and will have to be revisited several times. JM and MJ have talked to WC about hiring a post graduate in town planning who will be able to advise and assist on the process as it is such a huge task.

The consultation should begin sometime mid to end of January. The consultation will go in the Cliffhanger and a copy will be in the post office and on the website. MR suggested also putting the SAE and other NHP information on the boards in the small hall of the village hall for Sunday papers. MJ asked for all to read and comment on. He will also copy it to a more user friendly word document. MJ asked if comments could come back to him by 10th January. JM thanked MJ for his vast amount of time and effort that he has put in this document.

53. Site Identifications

JC informed the group that at Green Square they have designed a 'Matrix' process when looking at possible sites for development. The first tier of the process is a willing landowner, without a site no development is viable. It was agreed that all local landowners would be contacted to ask if they have any land that they would like to be considered for development.

JC also mentioned that the village need to look at what is on their wish list and how it can be achieved. How much money is needed to fund certain aspirations such as improved sports facility for example? JC has offered to look at the costs and to give an idea of how much money would be needed to fund what is on the wish list. This will impact on what type of housing is required and how many. The village has to think of what types of housing is required and how many.

At the meeting with WC land which WC have the option to purchase was identified as part of the field behind the school. WC also informed JM and MJ of land put forward for consideration by landowners for development areas mentioned were land in Easton Town, land north of Hunters Field and land between the High Street and Grove Road.

New Surgery

If a site was found for a new surgery, the practice would need to be asked about the feasibility, funding and timescales for a possible move. Possible sites discussed for a new surgery were: the allotment site, the vicarage site; AP suggested where the scout hut is now and to rebuild the scout hut in a new purpose built building. All were only ideas to be explored further at a later stage. It was agreed that the surgery needs to be fairly central to the village.

Anthony Close

JC explained Anthony Close is a good rental stream and has value as it currently stands. Much consultation will need to take place regarding any possible renovation with the site.

Improved Sports Facilities

KS talked about the aspiration for a new multi purpose sports pitch and a much improved sports pavilion which could include table tennis, pool, badminton. The pavilion could also be used for other purposes such as drama, events etc. KS reported that the tennis club would consider seeing their courts incorporated into a larger sports pitch/area.

54.Future Actions

1. Letter to be sent to all local landowners to ask if any land can be considered for development (JM)
2. JC to look at cost of improved sports field and pavilion
3. MJ and JM to work on article for the January Cliffhanger to contain map of village and update on scheme.
4. SW to obtain more maps from CM.
5. JM / MJ continue to work on SAE and identify possible assistance.
6. JM to contact HQ regarding consultation event with senior club.
7. JC and AP to discuss possible consultation event to attract the youth.

55. AOB

MR reported that approval of the Wiltshire Core Strategy has been delayed until the summer. JM thanked all for attending.

55. To confirm date for next meeting

The next meeting will be in January. SW and JM will confirm. The meeting closed at 10pm. Notes were taken by Sarah Wood, admin support to the Steering Group.