

Sherston Neighbourhood Plan Review Working Party

Here are the notes from the meeting of this working group, held on 5th June 2024 at 7:30pm:

Present:

- Martin Smith (MS)
- Mike Johnson (MJ)
- Kath Talboys (KT)
- Nigel Freeth (NF)
- Catherine Stephens (CS)

Apologies:

- Tanya Burgess (TB)
- Ben Smee (BS)
- Jane Hirst (JH)
- Richard Skeffington (RS)

Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting on 30th April were approved

Matters Arising:

Other data that could be useful (carry forward and MJ to draft request):

- access to Wiltshire wide housing needs survey (MS)
- access to the Social Housing waiting list (MS)
- data on AirBnBs in the area? (MS)
- number of houses paying double council tax? (MS)
- is there a list of people wanting self-build plots (MS)

Further Landowner contact

NF provided an update on contact and potential sites:

Potential sites:

- Steve and James King - Tetbury Road
- Giles Robinson - NBP plot 8
- Jill Lacey - NBP plot 9
- James Smith - Thompsons Hill
- Kevin Bird - NBP plot 2 Sopworth Road
- Nigel Freeth - small section behind Easton Town
- Hills - NBP pot 6 Sandpits Lane

Other landowners contacted:

- John Matthews
- Paul Moody
- Stretchline plot - owners trying to let it out as a factory
- Richard Stancombe (not interested)
- Julian Squire (not interested)
- John Shipsey - no response
- Eric Mandels estate - no response

Still to chase:

- Butlers - action NF
- GreenSquareAccord - Action BS/JH
- Diocese - consulted Lindsay McCullen who advised no change in policy and keep site options open - Action NF (to discuss restrictive covenant on Vicarage Site)

Another call-out to be included in the July Cliffhanger (MS)

Review of presentation at Annual Parish Meeting

The presentation at the APM went very well and a number of useful questions were asked by the general public attending.

It would be useful to share this presentation on the PCs website and publicise it via FB and Cliffhanger (MS) - aim for September.

Next steps for Public Engagement

Aim to have a public meeting in September.

Seeking grant funding

MJ will chase grants - grants are available of £5k for a review and technical support will be required as new housing is involved.

MJ will try to answer questions on the grant application.

We will need an independent review of potential new sites for housing

Next meeting - Wednesday 22nd July at 19:30 in the North Building