

Sherston Neighbourhood Plan Review Working Party

Here are the notes from the meeting of this working group, held on 26th February 2024 at 8:00pm:

Present:

- Martin Smith (MS)
- Mike Johnson (MJ)
- Ben Smee (BS)
- Kath Talboys (KT)
- Jane Hirst (JH)
- Catherine Stephens (CS)
- Richard Skeffington (RS)

Apologies:

- Matt Wolfenden-England (MWE)
- Tanya Burgess (TB)
- Nigel Freeth (NF)
- Mike Tarrant (MT)

Welcome to new members and recap of aims:

Welcome to Kath, Jane, Catherine and Richard

The aim of working group is to steer through a revision of the Sherston Neighbourhood plan (NBP) as set out in the draft term of reference that needs to be approved by Sherston Parish Council (SPC).

Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting on 15th January were approved

Matters Arising:

Draft terms of reference need to be approved at SPC meeting on 14th March.

Aidan Clarke at Wiltshire Council will be able answer questions about the process we need to take. He recommended we familiarise ourselves with the WC guidance notes on their website. He will need to review planning documents before we get to the regulation 14 stage of the process.

MS was briefed by Cllr Kim Power from Malmesbury Town Council on 16/01/2024 about the Malmesbury NBP. Their process has been stalled for a year, waiting for the WC Draft Local Plan to be finalised but they could

now progress, subject to agreement between between the 3 councils that collaborate on their NBP.

Annual Parish Meeting on 9th May:

It was thought that this meeting would be a good opportunity to have a workshop to look at the different policy areas of the neighbourhood plan to see whether they are still relevant and also to see whether we need any other policies.

Actions identified:

Following discussions about the way forward the following actions were identified:

- we need a call to landowners to bring forward potential sites for housing (given the extra 30 houses Sherston is being asked to accommodate) **(ACTION: MS)**
- we need contacts and addresses from Nigel **(ACTION: MS)**
- we need to identify any material planning changes from Wiltshire Council **(ACTION: MJ)**
- we need to identify any material planning changes from National Government **(ACTION: CS)**
- investigate latest census data from 2021 for Sherston's population **(ACTION: RS)**
- share link of made NBP **(ACTION: MS)**
- review existing policies in NBP **(ACTION: ALL)**

Future Actions unallocated:

- investigate grant funding to pay for expert assistance

Next meeting - Monday 2nd April 19:30 in the North Building