

Sherston Neighbourhood Plan Review Working Party

Here are the notes of the meeting of the working group, held on 3rd March 2025 at 8.30:

Present:

- Martin Smith (MS)
- Mike Johnson (MJ)
- Kath Talboys (KT)
- Catherine Stephens (CS)
- Jane Hirst (JH)

Apologies:

- Nigel Freeth (NF)
- Ben Smee (BS)
- Richard Skeffington (RS)
- Tanya Burgess (TB)
- Henreitta Cole (HC)
- Hollie Sturgess (HS)

Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting on 3rd February were approved.

Matters Arising:

- With thanks to Ben, allotments were deemed to be in demand and to include in future planning; 0 allotments have been given up in 2 years, 8 locals are on the waiting list and 3 further afield **Action: Hollie to ensure that allotment needs are included within the plan write up.**

Worksheets:

- NDHA completed by Catherine and Kath and have a presentation and feedback opportunities ready for the consultation event on Saturday.
- Green Spaces, Martin had advised Paul for maps for Saturday's event.
- Mike and Jane views assessed and ready for presentation and consultation on Saturday.
- Richard's Green and Blue infrastructure TBC.

Community Consultation Event 8th March

- 8.30am chairs and boards up.
- Noted good promotion in the Cliffhanger. **Action: Catherine will remind Tanya to offer one last push on FB.**
- Hollie and Henrietta will be there on the day and have boards ready.
- Mike will cover the am with Martin and Richard.
- Jane, Catherine and Kath in the pm.

- A signing in sheet will be available.
- Potential housing sites views and comments to be captured.
- Can remind people will need 30 houses built. The plan is mixed housing, not needed to be on one site, the types of housing TBC after sites but needing community views: sizes of homes and for who. Hollie will have a form to capture this and this also accessible via QR code in the Cliffhanger. This can be printed off and people can pop returns in a box in the Co-op. Paul can aid with printing.
- Can note the Sopworth Road site is nearby there.
- Aware there will be questions about the new surgery, and we can reassure people that active conversations have been held with the ICB, we need them to support the additional revenue. It has been a slow process of 18 months at least, since August 2023. Additional pressure to be considered, MP already planning a meet with ministers and may require as before a local petition or letters to the ICB etc.
- An A board or posters will be sourced to promote the event on the day by the Co-op.
- The importance of everything being on the website was noted; objectives etc **Action Catherine will confirm this with Hollie.**

Grant:

- End of grant report and for this a gathering of invoices/ spend.
- We can request an alteration in budget, as there has been some changes.
- Probably about £500 to give back but we can apply for future funds.
- Catherine thanked for all her support on this.
- There is still work for Hollie and Henrietta to do before the grant end, end of April.

Next Meeting- Monday 28th April, 7.30 pm, North Building.

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DRAFT Agenda for the meeting on 28th April, 7:30pm in the North Building

1. Apologies
2. Approval of minutes of the meeting 3rd March 2025
3. Matters Arising from the minutes
4. Report back on activities MLP
5. Feedback of Community Engagement event on 8th March
6. Feedback on consultation
7. AOB
8. Date of Next Meeting