

Sherston Neighbourhood Plan Review Working Party

Here are the notes of the meeting of the working group, held on 14th October 2024 at 8.00:

Present:

- Martin Smith (MS)
- Mike Johnson (MJ)
- Kath Talboys (KT)
- Catherine Stephens (CS)
- Ben Smee (BS)
- Nigel Freeth (NF)
- Jane Hirst (JH)

Apologies:

- Richard Skeffington (RS)
- Tanya Burgess (TB)

Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting on 9th September were approved.

Matters Arising:

Following the request for further information:

- Regarding the request to the Wiltshire Council for a housing needs survey template. MS was advised that we may not need a separate survey from the Wiltshire Plan. To combine the available information with the information from our proposed questionnaire would sufficiently hone local needs and agreed direction.
- MS advised that funds for a survey monkey licence will not be needed. The consultant has a comparable tool already from google.
- The sale of one of the premises at Anthony's Close has been explored. There doesn't appear to be any restrictions on the sale and it currently looks like a single sale (by auction), in line with the Right to Buy, the rest still believed to be owned by Green Square. It was recognised as a loss to the village, both as an area for possible re-development and homes / social housing for the growing older members of the village.

Further Landowner further update:

- NF provided both a map and brief assessment of the proposed sites, highlighting current use, site access, any restrictions and availability.

This inclusive of:

1. The Kings (Tetbury Road)
2. J Alvis (West of Tetbury Road)
3. The Robinsons (Tetbury Road)
4. NF (Easton Town)
5. The Gouldings (Sandpits Lane)
6. The Moulders (Knockdown Road)
7. K Bird (Sopworth Road)
8. The Smiths (Thompson Hill)

In addition:

- Diocese- no change
- James and Katy Wood own 2 fields that may be considered
- The Thompsons (Grove Road) not currently available
- Stretchline is hoped to be rented out commercially but this might be a future consideration if this proves unsuccessful and lying in the flood plain was manageable.

It was agreed there was enough interest to potentially meet the current additional target of 30 extra homes for the village and if proves necessary with the recent government change exceed this in future years if required. With Wiltshires plan ready for inspection this may delay any future government demand for increased homes. Thus, our review of the village plan can continue as is but can be re-reviewed in the future if additional building was required. This may mean an additional 20 homes required, though being in a Area of Outstanding Beauty this may reduce this blanket suggested increase. The village plan would also be able to influence any future further developments with its robust demonstration of need.

Grant Funding

- Thanks was offered to Catherine and Mike for the successful initial application of near £10,000. This still leaving room for an additional application if required to a total maximum of up to £18,000. There are restrictions in spending within the agreed timescale or funds are returned. The practical tasks required to ensure the PC receive the funds ASAP were discussed.
- MLP and consultant Holly can now move forward and assist in any future application as well as progress the agreed tasks detailed in the current bid to progress the review of the plan.
- The PC will hold the governance, contract and finance of the successful application.
- This group as a task group of the PC will offer the operational support. Inline with this Holly will meet this week with group representatives, CS and MJ and will be

present at the next meeting of this meeting. Here the group can agree what we can do to assist Holly.

- It was suggested the PC may wish to consider aligning some additional funds in its budget to the Review in case future funds are not received in full and meet the ongoing costs of the review.

Community Engagement

- This to await Holly's start to lead the process.

AOB

- There is still slow progress on the new surgery.
- A decision re Lime Down is unlikely before the new year.

Next Meeting- TBC in light of confirming Holly's attendance.

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Agenda for the meeting on TBC (DRAFT)

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Approval of minutes of the meeting 14th October 2024**
- 3. Matter Arising from the minutes-**
 - Progress on actions**
- 4. Landowner further updates**
- 5. Community Engagement update**
- 6. Grant funding update**
 - Technical consultancy appointment introduction**
 - Grant application governance and future applications update**
- 7. AOB**
- 8. Date of Next Meeting**