# Sturminster Marshall Neighbourhood Plan

## 7.30pm Tuesday, 7th December 2021

## On Zoom

### Steering Group Minutes

Present: Mr J Quick, Cllr S Cade, Cllr Fookes, Mr R Daniels, Cllr M Steel and Mr S Morris

Also present: Mrs A Clothier (Clerk), Ms J Witherden

## 1. Apologies

1.1 Cllr J Jackson and Cllr Palmer gave their apologies, and these were accepted by the committee.

## 2. Declaration of Interests

2.1 No changes.

## 3. Minutes of previous meeting

3.1 The minutes of the previous meeting on 9th November 2021 were circulated prior to the meeting. These were approved.

## 4. Options Consultation

4.1 The analysis has been drawn together for the open ended comments boxes. It was concluded that only comments that are relevant and can guide policies should be included.

**Action 1: Ms Witherden to look at consultation report and provide feedback.**

## 5. SEA Scoping Report

5.1 This project is on hold until the policies are formed. The committee decided to contact Historic England and Natural England regarding putting a bridge over the River Stour at Walnut Tree.

**Action 2: Mr Daniels to contact statutory consultees regarding the potential bridge.**

## 6. Locally Important Buildings

6.1 This project is progressing and a document was circulated to the group which included the proforma for the buildings. There are some gaps in relation to the age of buildings and it was suggested that the Priest House Museum could be contacted to see if a volunteer would help. The Conservation Team at Dorset Council will also be consulted. The issue of contacted owners was raised and it was concluded that a letter would be sent to the occupiers of the properties included before the report is published.

**Action 3: Cllr Fookes to draft letter to occupiers of Locally Important Buildings.**

## 7. Master Planning

7.1 A meeting has been held with AECOM and they were happy with the sites that were proposed. The sites that will be master planned are:

* Station Road
* Springfield Farm
* Bailie Farm (part of)

7.2 The developers for Station Road have sent through a detailed proposal of the site which includes 250 homes and a potential SANG below the water works on the A350. They have looked at an approach for development in the whole village and have included the 60 dwellings at Springfield Farm. There is also a section in this document which looks at the character of the village. The access is proposed from the A350 and Station Road.

7.3 The next stage of the Master Planning process will be an inception meeting with AECOM.

## 8. Stour Valley Park Meeting

8.1 The meeting with Land Storey will take place in January.

## 9. Meeting with Dorset Council

9.1 Dorset Council were sent a power point in advance of the meeting which is attached as **Appendix 1.** A note of the meeting including the answers to the questions asked is attached as **Appendix 2.** The following points were highlighted:

* Dorset Council are still looking at all the sites, including the Golf Course
* The Trailway is being looked at for the SANG requirement
* Wessex Water have provided a response on drainage and sewerage
* Developers are providing their own transport studies
* The Education Department have required that a new school be provided for any development over 400 dwellings.
* Dorset Council will be looking in more detail at employment land.

9.2 The Council agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan group can master plan the sites proposed above.

**Action 4: Clerk to question the requirement for a new primary school**

## 10. Article on Local Plan in the Bridge

10.1 A member of the public had published a two page article in the Bridge on the Local Plan. It was suggested that this would cause confusion for the community on the Neighbourhood Plan’s role. This was discussed and it was concluded that a positive action would be to ask the member of the public to contribute to the Neighbourhood Plan team.

**Action 5: Mr Quick to contact the author of the Bridge article.**

## 11. Advertising for assistance with the Neighbourhood Plan

11.1 An article asking for help with the Neighbourhood Plan would be put in the Bridge magazine.

## 12. Date of next meeting

Next Meeting: Thursday, 13th January 2022

**Action 6: Add Plan Drafting to the next agenda.**

The meeting ended at 9.21pm