

Sturminster Marshall Neighbourhood Plan

7.30pm Thursday 25th August 2022

At Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall

Steering Group Minutes

Present: Mr J Quick, Cllr H Palmer, Mr R Daniels, Cllr H Fookes

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

1. Apologies

- 1.1 Cllr M Steel and Cllr S Cade 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 14th June 2022 were circulated prior to the meeting. These were approved.

*Action 1: Agree grant funding proposal - **complete***

*Action 2: Gather more information about the Trailway – **JQ contact Steve Gerry to collect information.***

4. Dorset Council Local Plan

- 4.1 Dorset Council released a verbal update at the end of July by which confirmed that the Local Plan is delayed by 2 years and will be adopted in 2026. This is due to many different factors included volume of feedback, continued evidence gathering and conversations with Central Government. This has significant implications for the Neighbourhood Plan. The two options for progress that were discussed were:

- 1. Delay the Plan for two years
- 2. Continue with a general plan without site allocations.

- 4.2 A discussion was held on the options, and it was concluded that the group would like to move forwards with a general plan and would then progress with the site allocations when the Local Plan is progressed. This will have implications on the funding that can be awarded to the group and a discussion with Locality will need to take place.

Action 1: Clerk to speak to Locality about funding options for the group.

- 4.3 The implications for the SEA were discussed and this would be progressed with the policies.

Action 2: Mr Daniels to contact SEA consultants to give an update on the Neighbourhood Plan.

5. Plan Drafting

- 5.1 Progress has been made with the draft of the Plan and the Chair will collate all the documents to share on the Google Drive.

6. Locally Important Buildings

- 6.1 The draft document is complete.

7. Masterplanning

- 7.1 A draft document has been received however it was only part complete. The Character Areas work was not included which is essential.

Action 3: JQ to contact AECOM to request a complete document.

8. Grant Funding Application for 2022/23

- 8.1 The grant has been awarded.

9. Rights of Way Update

- 9.1 Group to look at permissive path across Bartons Ground.

10. AOB

- 10.1 A meeting was held with Wyatt Homes regarding a potential SANG at Dorset Springs. The group noted the proposals but were not in a position to provide an opinion on them at this stage.

10. Date of next meeting

TBA

The meeting ended at 8.30pm