

Sturminster Marshall Neighbourhood Plan

7.30pm Tuesday 18th October 2022

On Zoom

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 25th August 2022 were circulated prior to the meeting. These were approved.

*Action 2: Gather more information about the Trailway – **complete – see Item 6.***

*Action 1: Clerk to speak to Locality about funding options for the group – **complete. Funding agreed for 2022/23. Group to make as much progress as possible within this time.***

*Action 2: Mr Daniels to contact SEA consultants to give an update on the Neighbourhood Plan – **complete – RD to update again in the New Year.***

*Action 3: JQ to contact AECOM to request a complete document – **Complete – see item 7.***

4. Grant funding application for 2022/23

- 4.1 Grant funding for 2022/23 agreed and received. Locality have confirmed that the Group can retain the funding with the revised scope of the Neighbourhood Plan.

5. Locally Important Buildings

- 5.1 The List of Undesignated Heritage Assets is being examined by consultants on behalf of Dorset Council. The Parish Council submitted 16 nomination for the list and are waiting to hear whether these will be included.

6. Rights of Way update

6.1 The Neighbourhood Plan Group has received a great deal of information about the Trailway which will be looked at are part of the Rights of Way section of the plan. The Parish Council is awaiting a Rights of Way consultation due earlier in the year.

7. Masterplanning – update

7.1 A draft structure for the Design Codes report was circulated in advance of the meeting. The group commented that the Character Areas should included Station Road, Jubilee Cross and Henbury. There is a need for a matrix to see how the design codes differ with the character areas. In section 5.2 the wording needs to be amended as this refers to the proposed sites. The group would also like EV charge points to be mentioned.

8. Dorset Council Local Plan

8.1 The draft timetable for the Dorset Local Plan has been confirmed and the next consultation will be in late 2024. The land supply situation in East Dorset is positive which should prevent speculative development.

9. Plan Drafting

9.1 Progress on the following sections was detailed:

- Vision/Objectives – well progressed
- Introduction/Background – complete
- Protecting Heritage Assets – largely written but needs fine tuning.
- Natural Environment – policies underway
- Local Economy – to be written (JQ)
- Housing – to be written (SC)
- Traffic/Transport and Footpath and Rights of Way – underway
- Climate Change – including Energy Efficiency and impact of flooding – underway (to include mention of the Climate Change Action Plan).
- Community Facilities – to be written (SC)

9.2 The group concluded that a template would be circulated for each section to ensure that the chapters are written in a consistent way. Smaller group to meet with Ms Witherden for a drafting session.

9.3 Clerk to contact Dorset Council to keep them up to date with progress.

10. Date of next meeting

TBA

The meeting ended at 8.50pm