



FUTURE DURSLEY

Our Neighbourhood Plan

Future Dursley Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Minutes of Steering Group Meeting 7pm on 25 January 2017

Present: Chair, Councillor Neil Grecian, Councillor Sue Creswick, Councillor Mel Laybourne, Krystyna Dembny (Dursley Resident), Councillor Wendy Thomas, (Dursley Resident), Leah Wellings, (Dursley Town Council), Anita Gambie (Dursley Town Council).

1. Apologies for absence

Jonathan Bird, (Dursley Resident), Gayle Collins (Dursley Resident), Nick Organ (Dursley Resident), Mike Johnson (Dursley Resident)

2. Minutes from 14 December 2016

The Minutes were agreed.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

The draft NDP had been shared, via Dropbox, with Clare Bounds, from Cam and Dursley Youth Forum (C&DYF) with a request to discuss this with representatives from the C&DYF. An email asking for their ideas about how they would like to input into the NDP process had also been sent on 15 December 2016. No response had been received and follow up emails had been returned as undeliverable. Anita will follow this up.

Mark Russell, Planning Strategy Manager at Stroud District Council had been contacted to see if any progress had been made with the request for an initial screening for a Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitat Regulations Assessment. Delays with this have been caused by the Neighbourhood Planning Officer vacancy. Interviews for this post have been arranged for January and it is hoped that a new person will be in post soon.

Members' Interest Forms still needed to be completed by two members of the Steering Group.

4. Feedback from Town Council on 'Dursley Neighbourhood Development Plan 2016 - 2031' January 2017

Neil provided the SG with feedback from the Town Council's review of the Draft Dursley Neighbourhood Development Plan. They were appreciative of how much time and effort the SG members had put in to date to get this first full version of the draft completed. Councillors are keen to get this draft version of the plan out to the

wider public and accepted that it still requires further refinement before it can be considered to be the finished article.

Wendy informed the group that the Town Clerk had advised Councillors that they would need to become familiar with the contents of the plan and specifically, the draft vision, objectives, proposed development strategy, policies and projects. If the plan is successful at referendum, they will be advocates for the actions contained within it on behalf of Dursley residents.

SG members were asked what they thought might help Councillors, who are not part of the NDP group, to become more knowledgeable about the plan. Suggestions included an NDP briefing and/or presentation to Councillors. It was also noted that it would be helpful to hold this prior to a full Council meeting, so that individuals would not need to give up a further evening of their time.

Neil provided feedback about an SDC Planning Event for Town and Parish Councillors which had been held on 19th January 2016. As an addition to the Local Plan there is now a Heritage Strategy Plan for the district and SDC will be seeking parish views on this. As part of this Heritage Strategy, SDC would like to update the boundaries of conservation areas with parishes and look to locally list some buildings. The draft Strategy will be out in mid-February for consultation.

He also reported that the results of the SALA 2016 are due out in April.

5. Ideas for community consultations for Draft Version of the NDP.

In discussion the following points were made about ideas for consulting with Dursley Residents on the draft plan.

- The group agreed consultation on this draft version of the NDP should run for a minimum of six weeks.
- The draft plan should be posted on the Town Council's NDP webpage and publicised on the 'Dursley Matters' Facebook Page. An article for the next edition of the Town Council's newsletter 'Dursley Matters' would also be prepared. Posters would be placed on public Noticeboards around the town.
- The importance of reaching every household in Dursley with information about the draft NDP and how all residents could provide comments on this was noted. It was also noted that not everyone will have access to the internet or travel into town.
- Sue suggested that a delivery of a newsletter to every parish household from the town council should be an achievable action at least annually. This would be an item on the agenda for the next town council policy and finance committee meeting.
- A need for a short summary leaflet was raised as the draft plan is long at 67 pages and it is unrealistic to expect all residents to read this. Leah handed round an example of a short leaflet prepared by the Saxilby with Ingleby NDP. This four sided A5 leaflet provides brief information about the Neighbourhood Plan, where they are in the process and what's next. It also contains the vision, objectives and

policy intentions for each topic. The group liked the format of the leaflet and thought this, with a returnable part, could be used as template for a Dursley version.

6. Review and Selection of photographs for the draft NDP

Jonathan and Krystyna were thanked for the time they had spent reviewing and rationalising the large number of photographs supplied by Gayle, Nick and themselves for the NDP.

The photographs had been arranged in folders for the topic themes. The following pictures were selected by the SG for the long list.

Krystyna and Jonathan had also prepared a list of pages and suggested the type of photos which would be suitable for each of these topics in the plan. **The SG did not have time to narrow down the long list for this.**

Folder - For consideration

Lloyds bank through the War Memorial Gates
St James' Parish Church
Kingshill House
Bull Pitch

Folder - Business and Economy

Peter Hickman Hairdressers (second photo)
Intersound Music Shop
Under Hill B&B
May Lane Motors 1&2
Avonports Laundry (Man)
Lidl (view across from Kingshill Road)
Aerial shot of Littlecombe
Aerial shot looking into Littlecombe
Drake House

Folder -Housing Design

Tree House
Photo of bluebells in woods (1)

Folder -Environment and Sustainability

Crest Nicholson
Riversmill
Ducks
Fox
Badger
The Rec (1)
The Play Area
The Rec (2)

Folder - Development Locations

Bus Station (3)
Aerial shot of Rec (1)
Allotments

Folder - Facilities

Dentist
The Vale Hospital
The Vibe (Nick)
Rednock School (Nick's)

Folder - Housing

The Old School House
Long Street (with the building which looks like Lloyds)
The Library
Torchacre Rise
Chestal
Crest Nicholson – Housing Estate
Housing Association – Salvation Army
Broadwell
Bull Pitch
Henlow House
The Old Vet
The Old Bell
Kingshill Road
Woodmancote (1)
Woodmancote (2)
Manor View
Weavers Cottages
Cambridge House
Somerset Avenue (flats and houses)
Cambridge Avenue (roof)
Terrace Rosebery Road
Yellow Hundred Close
Kinver Grange

Folder - Town Centre

Barclays Block
Silver Street
The Old Post Office (now Courtyard Clinic)
The Pulse
Jacob's House
Market House

7. Quote for additional planning support from Place Studio

The quote for additional planning support from Place Studio was noted. A grant application to meet the costs of this extra work had been made to Locality.

8. Date and Chair of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on **Wednesday 1st March 2017** and would be chaired by **Neil Grecian**.