

Minutes of Southbourne Neighbourhood Plan Community Theme Group 6th March 2013

Attendees: Roger Bannister, Jackie Grant, Robert Hayes, Ruth Heelan, John Southgate, Clare Stent, Alice Smith

Apologies: Joyce Hemmings, Marjorie Bulbeck (Chris Bulbeck attended in place of Marjorie)

1. Following introductions, it was determined that the theme group represents District Council, Parish Council, Infant School, Junior School, Bourne Community College (all schools represented by both Governors & parents), Age Concern Southbourne, Women's Institute.
2. List of Existing Community Facilities distributed to all attendees (Appendix 1). Map of Southbourne Parish distributed to all attendees. Map from the 2010 SHLAA distributed, showing the potential areas for development (Southbourne_2010.pdf attached to the email sent to group).
3. We await the outcome of the District Plan, we are aware this is currently under discussion by the District Council and due to go out for consultation later this month. However, the number of dwellings required to be incorporated in the Southbourne Neighbourhood Plan is expected to fall between 350-500.
4. Chidham has applied for a boundary change, this is under consideration part 2. Some parts of Southbourne Parish are now within Chidham (Hambrook and some parts of Nutbourne). The group wondered whether some fair percentage of the development allocation could therefore be allocated to Chidham ([link to Chidham boundary change map](#)).
5. The list of Community Facilities was discussed, it was agreed that we would like to add a one line description below each facility. Alice Smith to make a start on the list and then send to all so everyone can pool their knowledge.
6. The aim of this group was discussed, and agreed that we need to ask questions of the local population with regards to existing and future community facilities. The questions are to be kept brief, with multiple choice preferred to open questions, in order to facilitate data gathering. Further discussion is required, but these are the initial thoughts: Are you aware of this facility? Do you use this facility? What change would encourage you to use this facility? A final question What do you need? might be appropriate. The list of facilities will be sent by Alice Smith to Jackie Grant, Jackie will formulate the questions.
7. When the Community groups questions are formulated and fed into the overall questionnaire, the District Council will fund and arrange delivery to the appropriate households.
8. The 2005/6 Parish Plan set out 30 questions to the parish, this plan will be emailed to the group members by Ruth Heelan, in order that we can all review those questions.
9. It was noted that the Youth Services facility had closed, and as yet there is not a replacement facility for teenagers. The Parish Council is considering setting up youth facilities in Southbourne, this project is County led.
10. It was noted that the police office on Main Road had closed.
11. It was noted that Poppins had been closed by Ofsted (due to paperwork discrepancies, not to failings by staff or the facilities) and there is now no fulltime childcare in the parish for children under 2. Little Stars (at the Bourne) is term time only and only open for 2 mornings, and 3 part days (till 3.30). Loveders Nursery School takes age 2 -12.

12. It was noted that there are currently empty industrial units at the Clovelly Road site. Some of these are new units. We could explore possibility of a change of use for units, if it was determined that we could site some of the required community facilities here, and if the Neighbourhood Plan determined that there was no requirement for more industrial use of units.
13. It was noted that an area of land immediately west and south of the Bourne Community College grounds was purchased by West Sussex County Council in 1971. This land is to be used for educational purposes only. The Bourne Community Trust has been seeking funding for an all-weather sports pitch, but as yet funding has not been obtained. The land is currently let to a tenant farmer.
14. It was noted that all 3 of the schools in Southbourne are full at present. New housing will bring significantly more children to the area. All 3 schools have land that they could easily expand into, given sufficient funds. Previously there was a proposal to combine the Junior and Infant schools into a Primary school and site it on the Bourne Community College site, with a view to benefitting from economies of scale. This proposal was not pursued, following the responses to the residents meeting and residents questionnaire.
15. It was noted that developers are required to provide funding for additional community facilities that become necessary due to new development. There are sections on the Chichester and West Sussex websites setting out how the contributions are normally calculated. When the number of dwellings is defined, it will be possible to use the documents on the Chichester DC and West Sussex CC websites, to calculate the contributions required.
16. By reference to the 2010 SHLAA map, the group reviewed the locations where large developments might be considered. The main sites we anticipate may be considered are referred to on the 2010 SHLAA map as: SB08328, SB08329, SB08332, SB08333, SB08338, SB08339 and the field to the west of SB08329. If a large development is created, it was discussed that new facilities required could be sited within the new development if appropriate.
17. It was noted that there development south of the A259 is restricted to single dwellings; large developments would not be approved, as this is within the Chichester Harbour AONB Conservation Area.
18. It was noted that development north of the train line will add to the bottleneck that exists on Stein Road at the train crossing.
19. An age restricted development (over 55s) was proposed for SB08333 (north of Alfrey Close, west of Garsons Road); this has been rejected by the Parish Council but has not yet been decided on by the District Council. This included a proposed swimming pool that "may" be available for use by the public. This would be expected to be available to the over 55s only. This group needs to keep up to date with regards to this proposed development.
20. It was agreed that John Southgate would chair this group, and represent this theme group to the Steering Group.
21. All group members have read the relevant parts of the National Planning Policy Framework (Ch 8 pg 17-19) but as we are advised to read this in conjunction with the Government's planning policy for Traveller sites (pg 1 section 4), the group will aim to distribute a copy of this policy to the group members so that we can ensure this policy is considered in future meetings.

22. The next meeting has been arranged for 7.00pm on Thursday 14 Mar 13 at Age Concern, the group aim to review the draft questionnaire at that meeting.

SOUTHBOURNE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING TEAM – COMMUNITY THEME GROUP

Appendix 1 to Minutes of Meeting 6th March 2013

Existing Community Facilities:

Southbourne Bowls & Social Club
Age Concern
Southbourne Men's Shed
Age Concern Charity Shop
Village Hall
Library
Southbourne Women's Institute
Southbourne Lions
Martlett Morris Men
Trefoil Guild
Dragon Ladies Club
Sea Scouts
Girl Guides
St John's Church
Southbourne Free Church
New Life Christian Church
Catholic Bible School
Parish Recreation Ground
Westgate Leisure Centre
Bourne Community College
Adult Education Centre
Southbourne Junior School
Southbourne Infant School
Little Stars Early Learning Centre
Loveders Nursery School
Southbourne Family Centre
Tuppeny Barn Sustainable Education Centre
(due Aug 2013)
Post Office

Existing Community Facilities (continued):

Vet
Pubs – The Traveller's Joy, The Barleycorn,
The Sussex Brewery
Shops – Main Road & Stein Road
Southbourne Surgery
Railway Station & Crossing
Prinsted Shore, Chichester Harbour
Industrial Area

Closed Community Facilities:

Poppins Early Learning Centre
Police Station
Youth Service