

Southbourne Neighbourhood Plan – Housing Focus group
Meeting 22nd October, 2013 - 7pm at Southbourne Social Club.

Present:-

Keith Parum

Jonathan Brown

Roy Seabrook

Sue Talbot (Chair)

Apologies : Jim Jennings, Robin Rolfe, Bruce Finch, Oona Hickson.

Keith Parum asked for clarification as to his position on the focus group in view of the fact that that he was owner of one of the potential sites. The group considered that his input as an experienced builder with deep knowledge of the parish was important and that the focus group would greatly benefit from Keith's input on the group. Advice had been sought by e mail (14.10.13 – attached to minutes) from Robert Hayes (Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Chairman) and from Rowena Tyler (AiRS Consultant) on the correct approach. In accordance with their advice it was agreed that Keith should be advised not to give views on emerging Plan policies where they might be construed as favouring his site (Gosden Green) in any way, and that he should withdraw from any discussions which involved his own site. He should not vote on matters concerning any of the sites.

The Developers' presentations the previous week were briefly discussed as were the problems arising.

The main object of the meeting was to work out the group's contribution to the meeting on 9th Nov.

It was thought that the Parish Council would be focusing on the processes involved in the Neighbourhood plan.

We decided that for the 9th the display would include a map of the parish. Brief comments around the map would include main criteria that might be considered, including road and rail aspects, social housing aspects, together with a list of advantages and disadvantages of each site. Potential provision of additional roads and bridges should be included at this stage.

Roy and Jonathan would meet on Monday 28th to draw up a draft for discussion on Tuesday 29th. ACTION

Appended Emails

Subject: RE: Southbourne PNP - Keith Parham
Date: Mon, 14 Oct 2013 16:56:52 +0100

Hello both,

I agree with your suggestions Sue. Keith may have to forgo voting rights, and possibly be ultra-careful about not making any statements regarding other sites which could be read as trying to steer people towards his own – albeit unintentionally. His local knowledge and expertise in his trade make him an asset to the SNP group, in my view, certainly for the policy drafting sessions.

Regards

Rowena

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Sent: 14 October 2013 14:46

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Sent: Wednesday, 30 October 2013, 21:40

Subject: FW: Southbourne PNP - Keith Parham

Second and last e mail to be attached to Housing Focus Group minutes of 22nd Oct 2013 please.
Sue Talbot

Date: Mon, 14 Oct 2013 15:18:16 +0100
Subject: Re: Southbourne PNP - Keith Parham

Keith has been fully up front through the whole process and i do not doubt his integrity. I believe he has something to bring to the table, so have no issues with this. I am sure that you and the group will keep a good audit trail.
Hope this helps.

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