

## Minutes of Southbourne Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014

**Attendees:** Graham Hicks, Jacky Grant, John Southgate, Oona Hickson, Robert Hayes, Roy Seabrook, Chris Bulbeck.

**Apologies:** Bill Ferguson, Sandra James, Alice Smith, Sue Talbot, Geoff Talbot, Jonathan Brown, Jack Moss, Peter Hicks, Lawrence Tirebuck, Sarah Richardson, Bruce Finch, Mike Downer.

1. Welcome & apologies submitted.
2. Minutes of last meeting: minutes of September meeting were approved
3. Matters Arising
  - (i) Robert Hayes acknowledged his personal thanks to the steering group
  - (ii) The Examiner is still to be appointed. CDC have still not suggested names.
  - (iii) The executive summary this is still outstanding Jonathan Brown had agreed to produce a draft. This will be circulated when available
  - (iv) Newsreporter Jonathan had spoken to the newsreporter as had been agreed at the September meeting.
  - (v) Parish Council – once the plan is approved, it will be used by SPC and CDC to assess future development. It was felt by some members of the Steering Group that there has been a lack of support from the parish council in this process so far, and once this process is complete, it will lie with the PC to ensure that the approved Neighbourhood Plan is adhered to, it was also debated that as the plan was submitted in draft this is also receiving weight in the Local Plan process.
  - (vi) Commenting on the SNDP. This was discussed as the plan comments form is clumsy in its current set up as it cannot be completed and submitted without converting from a PDF. Robert Hayes will take this up with CDC. It was also suggested that some forms need to be made available for the public to complete who do not have access to computers. These are to be made available where the plan is in the community
  - (vii) Voting – people have to be on the electoral roll to be able to vote on the neighbourhood plan, if you are not registered to vote then you cannot vote on this plan. Please remind people that they must be registered to vote with CDC.
  - (viii) Date of referendum. The suggestion was made that Feb was not ideal due to the weather etc, however time is of the essence. Robert Hayes is to look at whether Postal voting will be allowed.
  - (ix) Local Plan It was reported that the Examination in Public of the Local Plan was in session now. Developers are challenging the figures and are suggesting that Southbourne can take more housing. This is also being suggested by at least one Parish, Tangmere, which is not seen as helpful. It was suggested that the PCC should be seeking representation at the Local Plan EIP.
4. Planning issues. Breach Avenue there has been an application for 34 units. This would be discussed at the PCC on the 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. The PCC is likely to object as this is not a preferred site in the SNDP. Sue and Geoff Talbot have also sent round information.
5. Murco garage site was briefly discussed.
6. Budget noted
7. AOB Roy has had a meeting with Southern Water and CDC re Loveders site and other site. RS commented that he was horrified that CDC were still relying on the old documents from SW and suggested that this should be challenged. Roy pointed out that there was a range of missing data from CDC, SW and the EA. The potential for publicity for these issues outside of the Neighbourhood Planning process was discussed. It was also suggested that this be discussed at the Parish Council, and that OFWAT or similar may be made aware of these issues.

John Southgate reported that the field to the West of Bourne included to be included in the school had been turned down by WSCC