

## Dogmersfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group – Approved Minutes

Meeting of the Dogmersfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on Monday 12 September 2016 in the Dogmersfield Primary School starting after the finish of the meeting of the Dogmersfield Parish Council.

Those attending

Steering Group Members:

Chris Ward (CW)  
Valery Scott (VS)  
Christine Lowe (CL)  
Mark Lowe (ML)  
Geoff Beaven (GB)

Members of the public:

None present.

1. Welcome and introductions.

GB welcomed all present to the third meeting of the Dogmersfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. He explained that the primary purpose of this meeting is to consider whether to launch the consultation on the vision and objectives statement. Apologies had been received from Carol Anne Harrison, Lorraine Fullbrook and Alastair Clarke.

2. Acceptance of the notes of the meeting held on the 11th July 2016.

**It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July were a true record (CL proposed, CW seconded with all in favour).**

3. Review of progress since the last meeting.

GB reported that at its meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 the Steering Group resolved to request the Parish Council to increase the Limit of Liability of the purchase order placed to Planet from £1500 up to £3715 to cover the full cost of the company's quotation. However it was agreed that GB would judge when to pass this request to the DPC dependent on need and any continuing concerns about the risks involved. GB reported that there had been no need to pass on the request and hence the Limit of Liability of the purchase order remained at £1500.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> July SG members CL, ML, CAH and GB met with Liz Bourne (LB) and Becky Hopkinson (BH) from Planet in order to receive guidance on drawing up a Vision and Objectives statement. How best to formulate the statement for Dogmersfield including scope and potential subjects were explored in some detail. The outcome was that SG members present would draw up a short and succinct statement of our vision for Dogmersfield in 2020 which would be followed with a bullet points outlining the related objectives. Only objectives that we believed could be delivered should be included. There can be a separate section in the plan called a Community Aspiration Section, into which those responses from the original consultation which we believe are not deliverable (village shop, village hall) can go. A first draft vision and objectives would be reviewed by LB and the SG could then consider whether to consult residents on a finalised version. BH would commence work on the Dogmersfield demographics.

CI and ML drew up a first version which was commented on by the other SG members. In the event two first draft versions were passed to Planet for review who provided a further reworked version.

4. Consideration of whether to launch a consultation on the vision and objectives statement.

The working group met on the afternoon of the 12 September when it reviewed all of the vision and objective statements produced so far. Although the two versions produced by the working group were not perfect the changes suggested by Planet were not considered to have added much value and the time waiting for their response was also disappointing. The working group had therefore examined the vision and objectives statements in a range of other Neighbourhood Plans. Taking all of this information a further version had been drafted which used much of the working group original material but aimed for a more snappy format. This new version was not yet in a final form but one further meeting of the working group should be sufficient to complete a version suitable for consultation.

In considering the objectives for the plan the working group had concluded that the categorisation of Dogmersfield as a tier 4 'main village' by Hart DC was a significant factor. In response to the Refined Options consultation the Parish Council had identified errors in the analysis that underpinned the categorisation exercise and the Chairman had written to the CEO asking for the error to be corrected and for Dogmersfield to be recategorised as tier 5 'remaining villages and hamlets'.

GB explained that in addition to his letter to the CEO all residents had been advised to highlight this matter in their own responses and most had done so. His letter had been registered as a response to the consultation which together with all of the responses is being considered as part of the work to draw up the new Local Plan. However, he would be prepared to write again to the CEO asking for an update on this particular issue.

**Action - GB to write to Hart DC regarding recategorisation.**

5. Consideration of next steps

The SG noted that the launch of a consultation on a vision and objectives statement should be possible following a further meeting of the working group which would take place around the end of September.

6. Next SG meeting will be held on November 14th
7. AOB

Nothing was raised and GB closed the meeting at 10.45m