

Dogmersfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group – Approved minutes

Meeting of the Dogmersfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on Monday 14 May 2018 in the Dogmersfield Primary School starting at 6.30pm.

Those attending

Steering Group Members:

Geoff Beaven (GB)
Christine Lowe (CL)
Mark Lowe (ML)
Valery Scott (VS)
Carol-Anne Harrison (CAH)

Alastair Clark (AC) representing Dogmersfield Parish Council – part time

Members of the public: none

1. Welcome and introductions.

GB welcomed all present to the thirteenth meeting of the Dogmersfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Apologies had been received from Lorraine Fullbrook (LF) and Chris Ward (CW)

2. Acceptance of the notes of the meeting held on the 13 November 2017.

The draft minutes have been circulated to the members of the Steering Group and no comments have been received. However there were insufficient attendees of this meeting present and formal acceptance has to be held over until a subsequent Steering Group meeting.

3. Acceptance of the notes of the meeting held on the 12 March 2018.

The draft minutes have been circulated to the members of the Steering Group and no comments have been received.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2018 were a true record (VS proposed, CL seconded with all in favour who attended this meeting).

4. Actions Arising

GB stated that apart from acceptance of the minutes there were no matters resolved at the last meeting that are not covered in his progress report.

5. Review of progress since the last meeting.

GB reported that at the last meeting a draft Dogmersfield Neighbourhood Plan had been received from ONEILLHOMER and that the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group was working up a version of this draft plan that they considered to be suitable to submit for a

screening opinion from Hart District Council and suitable for the local informal consultation planned by the Steering Group.

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He was now pleased to report that good progress has been achieved since the last meeting.

On the 3rd April the Steering Committee submitted version v9 of the draft Dogmersfield Neighbourhood Plan to Hart DC with a request for a screening opinion. This was put in hand immediately by Hart DC who engaged a consultancy to carry out the detailed assessment work.

On the 11th April the Steering Committee received some informal Hart DC comments on the draft plan which were constructive in that they highlighted a small number of areas where clarification could be improved. No serious shortcomings were identified.

On the 16th April the Steering Committee received a copy of the draft screening opinion prepared by Hart's consultants. This concluded that no further assessment is required under either a Strategic Environmental Assessment or a Habitats Regulation Assessment. The only slightly negative issue was associated with the declining state of the Basingstoke Canal SSSI. However, this implied criticism may be misplaced and can easily be discounted.

Hart have now referred the draft screening opinion to the formal consultees (Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency) with a request for them to respond by 25th May.

Based on the reactions to date the intention of avoiding the need for an SEA and HRA is still on track.

Starting on the 20th April letters were delivered to all households in the Parish advising that the V9 of the draft Neighbourhood Plan was available to view on the Parish Council website and also that hard copies would be provided for those without internet access. A short pro-forma was included that requested resident's views and comments by 31st May.

About a dozen replies have already been received and so far the reaction to the draft plan is very positive.

GB predicted that in early May it should be possible to collate all of the comments and create a further version of the draft plan which will then be the subject of a formal consultation managed by the Steering Group known as Regulation 14. He anticipated that this next important step could be initiated in July.

At the last meeting GB invited the Steering Committee to ask the Parish Council to pay the ONEILLHOMER submitted RCOH invoice no 0508. This invoice was paid and as he reported in detail at the last meeting due to slightly slower than expected progress £785 of the government grant would remain unspent at the end of the grant period.

The required end of grant period report has been submitted by the Parish Council as required on 14th April to Groundwork which is the Agency that manages the government grant. The Parish Council has recently receive a request to repay the £785 which has already been approved by the Parish Council.

Groundwork have confirmed that a further grant request can be submitted to cover the £785 that is the balance of the total grant available. This step will be taken when the timescale for further payments to ONEILLHOMER is clearer.

6. Consideration of next step – covered above
7. Next SG meeting will be held provisionally on the 9th July 2018 starting at 6.30pm.
8. AOB

Nothing was raised and GB closed the meeting at 6.50pm