

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting

Southwick Village Hall at 7.30pm. Wednesday 12th June 2019

Minutes

ATTENDEES: Cllr Eaton (Chair), Cllr Noble, Cllr McCaw, Alison Jackson, Janet Player, Josh Heydon.

APOLOGIES: Cllr Curry, Joan Jones, Barbara Johnson, Aaron Smith, Hollie Synder, Steven King

HEALTH AND SAFETY: – Notice issued.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: – No declarations received.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: - Minutes from previous meeting agreed and signed off.

DE-BRIEF ON NDPOPEN PUBLIC FORUM 24/25 MAY:

The chair personally thanked everyone for the efforts and input to make the event a success and gave special thanks to Josh Heydon, Janet Player and Barbara Johnson.

Open discussion on the Pro's & Con's of the event ensued, the main points captured below:

Pro's:

- Provided a good anniversary event to the consultation exercise held in May 2018.
- Re-established Southwick's Neighbourhood Planning after a long delay
- Provided a refreshed information set based on where we are now and the issues experienced
- Very positive feedback from the public regarding display materials, approach and content.
- Has prompted more landowners to come forward with additional small-scale development sites. Amongst other enquiries already received, Cllr Noble informed the SG that she had received a very positive enquiry regarding the site at 40 Frome Road.
Action: Chair to submit details to Aaron Smith.
- The event was a good 'dry – run' for future public consultation events.

Con's

- Overall attendance (c50) was low during the two day event, despite coverage in the Newsletter, in Wiltshire Times and on BBC Radio Wilts.
- Timing – may have been better to avoid Bank Holiday/ Half Term as many families on holiday.
- Demographics – renters and the much older age groups generally stayed away.
- Impact of 'double working' families where mum & dad have to work.
- Weather was really good and sunny over the two days.

CONSULTANTS UPDATE: - The chair reiterated the contents of the most recent email from Aaron Smith, outlining progress with Call for Sites process and proposed approach to producing a methodology and next steps, including a possible 4-6 week consultation period and on-going engagement with Wiltshire Council.

AOB:

Alison Jackson raised the issue that 'old' NPD documents were still present on the Parish Council website. Action: Chair to ask Geoff to remove these.

Janet Player enquired about progress with Green Space allocations.

Action: Chair to follow up with Barbara Johnson and Aaron Smith.

Meeting closed 8:25pm

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 25th June.