

# Coombe Bissett and Homington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> October 2020

By Zoom

Present: Steering group - Christine Cooper (CC), Steven Gledhill (SteG), Pauline Cullis (PauC), Alastair Lack (AL), Tim Mynott (TM), David Parson (DP), Amy Burnett (AB, DinT).

Actions highlighted in bold.

## Community Engagement

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The group discussed how to share the results of the community survey. The next edition of The Express was just about to be released, the next one will be in December. This means that there will need to be a notice by other means to inform the community of an update on the Draft Plan if the group decides to before then.

It was decided that for now, while the Plan is being prepared and Wiltshire Council and the AONB are yet to comment, the sites considered to be put forward would not be communicated to the community. Once WC has commented the pie charts that summarise community support for each site will be shared with the community and landowners. The potential sites that will go into the Draft Plan will not be communicated to landowners until Wiltshire Council have given a view on the appropriateness of the current suggestions in the Plan and corresponding policy wording.

It will not be necessary for the Draft version that goes to Wiltshire Council for an environmental screening check to go to the Parish Council first; a Parish Council member (SteG) has been actively involved in the Plan's formation and the Parish Council have been continually engaged on sites, local green spaces, design etc.

AL will be stepping down from managing the community website. In the interim, however, the website will need to be updated with the results of the community questionnaire. AL has subsequently offered to keep the NP section of the web site running until the website is handed over.

## Flooding

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Some steering group members raised the general concern over how the Plan is able to address significant flooding risk in the Parish. AL suggested that a more detailed strategy, informed by a flooding risk assessment, is required. It was agreed that the Plan should propose that windfall development within Flood Zones 2 and 3 was highly unlikely but would be permitted with appropriate mitigation measures against flooding but that there should be an action point to realise AL's suggestion.

## Addressing group comments on the Draft Plan

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Agreements on the Plan context included:

- To keep windfall to 3-beds or less
- Remove reference to AECOM's suggestion to provide 18% 1-bed. This was calculated by AECOM using national figures that are not appropriate to the Parish. It was agreed the Plan should encourage 2 to 3-beds in general, and not to have a specific split
- Housing shouldn't be specifically adapted for older people (this can be done as required by the residents)
- Remove reference to modular housing as a low-cost housing option. This was felt not appropriate for CB&H
- There is potential for Kenora Paddock to be incorporated into settlement boundary, if deemed necessary

There was a general concern by one steering group member that the Plan should not be over-prescriptive on the policies on other people's land. However, one of the powers of a Neighbourhood Plan to set conditions for land use planning, informed by evidence and community preferences.

#### Action points agreed:

- Investigate pedestrian access to support walkable village
- Explore commissioning for a flood mitigation strategy
- Explore commissioning for a technical flood spring mapping

The group were happy that CC, SteG and AB meet to discuss and resolve any outstanding comments on behalf of the group. After the meeting, CC and SteG agreed the group will be given a shortish period of time to comment, after which point the Plan will be sent to Wiltshire Council for an environmental screening.

**CC and SteG to meet w/c 5<sup>th</sup> October to liaise on pre-edits discussed today before finalising the Draft Plan. CC, SteG and AB to meet on 12<sup>th</sup> October to finalise the Draft Plan to send to WC.**

#### Grant monies and finance

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There is currently £120 of the locality grant money and left after AB's recent invoice. Locality has offered an additional £1000 to neighbourhood planning groups to support them during the Covid pandemic. **CC will try to apply for this additional funding when necessary. CC also to liaise with the Parish Clerk regarding additional funding reserved for the Neighbourhood Plan.**