

ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP
MEETING ON 9 JANUARY 2018

MINUTES

Present: Mark Thackeray, Paul Overton, Peter Tinson, Richard Lockwood, Guy Cunningham, Mark Jones, Jeanette Ewan, Tim Sloane, Steven Sowerby, Debbie Chaplin, Paul Fincken

Apologies: Andy Green, Kathi Davis

1. INTRODUCTION

Steering Group membership confirmed as persons listed above.

ACTION: MJ to ensure that all SG members have access to Dropbox

2. CHINNOR & PRINCES RISBOROUGH RAILWAY

MT reported on a meeting on 5 January with Andrew Walker, Development Trustee, Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway Association, regarding possible extension of the railway into the NP area. C&PPR seek support, in principle, in the NP for a project to extend the heritage line to the site of the original AR station, rebuilding the station, now that the line into PR station has finally been confirmed

ACTION: MT to maintain contact with AW who will advise on wording used for the same project in the Chinnor NP.

3. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Initial feedback to np@astonrowant.org noted. Generally positive response to the site analysis criteria. Some correspondents favour a weighting of the criteria. Consultation remains open to 31 January 2018.

4. SITE REVIEWS

Four teams (JE/PO/MJ/GC/TS; RL/AG/SS/DC; PF/MT/PT/KD) to review the Red Sites weekend of 13/14 January, assessment based on agreed/published criteria, with scoring 0-10.

No weighting at this stage pending conclusion of consultation.

Papers to be returned to PO for processing.

Interim, closed, meeting to review the results in KBVH at 7.30 on 30 January – PT to confirm availability of room.

5. WEIGHTING OF HOUSING SITE CRITERIA

To be considered at interim meeting of SG members on 30 January.

6. SETTLEMENT BOUNDARIES

For the purpose of the Site Reviews, the boundaries of KB and AR were agreed, excluding Butts Way and B4009 frontage from AR and adding land on Stert Road, to Stert Cottages, in KB.

7. GREEN SPACES

It was noted that early responses to the public consultation on Green Spaces included the suggestion that some Category 3 spaces should be upgraded to Category 2.

As the consultation remains open, it was agreed that the Site Reviews continue on the basis of the published 1, 2 and 3 categories, and that the situation be reviewed at the closure of the consultation, having regard to the guidelines for the protection/designation of Green Spaces and to responses received through np@astonrowant.org in respect of current planning applications.

8. NP TIMETABLE

Noted that the NP preparation is running behind the timetable agreed with SODC at the outset, primarily due to a) the time required to assess potential housing sites based on locally-agreed criteria, b) uncertainty as to the outcome of planning applications now before SODC and their impact on the NP.

The situation to be reviewed as SODC determine applications and following discussion with RR.

9. MEETING ON 13 FEBRUARY – RICARDO RIOS (SODC) TO ATTEND.

Discussion to include a) how the preparation of the actual NP document proceeds, by consultants or in-house?, b) how NP might be affected if SODC approve some or all of the current planning applications, which might realise 24 new dwellings (Rectory/St John/Pinnacle/Church Lane), c) how drafting/funding of NP might be affected if planning permissions make further site allocation unnecessary or inappropriate.

ACTION: Steering Group members to forward any other questions concerns, to be discussed with RR, to MT for inclusion in agenda for 13/02/18 meeting.

10. RESPONSIBILITIES FOR DRAFTING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

ACTION: MJ to convert NP for Benson to Word format and circulate for use as template.

Subject to feedback from RR and availability of funding, use of consultants to be considered.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

PT noted that SG agenda should be published on website a week before each meeting.

ACTION: MT/JE to prepare agenda and copy to Webmaster
All SG members wishing to include an item on agenda to notify MT/JE in accordance with this timetable.

Items 1-11, above, to be regular features of all agendas.

PT suggested that Parish Councillors not on the SG be given access to Dropbox in order that they are kept up-to-date – AGREED.

ACTION: PT/SS to provide contact details to MJ; MJ to make adjustments to Dropbox access.

Parish Notes – copy for next edition due with Sarah Day by 15 January.

ACTION: MT to prepare note of current NP activity.

NEXT MEETING:- 13 February 2018, KB Village Hall at 7.30.

