

CONDOVER PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Notes from meeting held 7.30pm – 9pm 23rd January 2020 at Condover Village Hall

In attendance: B Gill, K Eardley, P Gore, J Jackson, D Lane, E Marvin (Chair), R Nash, S Peters, P Smith and B Carey

1. Welcome, apologies and introductory remarks

E Marvin opened the meeting. Apologies were received from C Machin and S Mackay. He said that great progress had been made in the last 18 months. There had been very interesting and informative consultations with local people and now it was important to engage with the community at a deeper level again. He said the Steering Group needed to achieve a successful Neighbourhood Plan and this may involve some compromises. This was agreed.

2. Notes from previous meeting and matters arising

E Marvin went through the minutes from the previous meeting. There was discussion about the on-going debate in Condover about the outcome of the feedback from consultations about the designation of the village within the Neighbourhood Plan. The discussions would continue.

There was discussion also about the Condover Village Hall proposal for a new village hall and associated housing development. P Gore reported the consultation would close on 31st January 2020 and that the Condover Village Hall Committee would meet on 3rd February to review the feedback and decide a way forward based on this feedback. A representative from the Committee would attend the Parish Council meeting of 4th February. D Lane noted that if the decision was to not proceed with a new village hall building then a rapid review of car parking for the Hall would be required. This was agreed and was a matter for the Parish Council meeting on 4th February.

3. Update on CPNP

B Carey and E Marvin reported the CPNP timetable was still on course to prepare a draft Neighbourhood Plan for consideration by the Parish Council at its meeting in March 2020.

Item 6 Draft CPNP document was brought forward. B Carey spoke through the draft so far as it had been written to date. It was agreed a draft would be distributed to Steering Group members wc 10th February.

4. Report from Community Consultations

D Lane reported he had received two emails which were particularly hostile about the consultations in Condover carried out by the Parish Council. Both emails seemed of a similar structure. B Carey and D Lane had responded to both people. They had made it clear that the Parish Council was not involved with the Village Hall Committee consultation. S Peters referred to the possibility of 'Chinese whispers' being at work, with the village hall consultation also playing a role. R Nash confirmed he was aware of

some misleading opinions to suggest the Village Hall Committee and Parish Council were in cahoots to push through the housing development and new village hall. E Marvin summarised that there would be some who retained firm opinions and this seemed inevitable. It was agreed to await the outcome of the consultation undertaken by the Condover Village Hall Committee.

5. Preferred Sites: Feedback from Dorrington Consultation

B Carey presented a summary of feedback from the consultation event held in Dorrington on 2nd December 2019. This included feedback given at the event and feedback received subsequently. The Feedback was discussed by the Steering Group and responded to – see Appendix attached.

6. Next steps

- a. B Carey would continue to write the draft Plan. The aim was to undertake public consultation in May 2020.
- b. B Carey would contact E West (Shropshire Council Planning Strategy) to request feedback on the alternative proposal for site DGN003.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held at 7.30pm on 20th February 2020 at Condover Village Hall, with subsequent meetings at the same time and place on 19th March and 22nd April.