

CONDOVER PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP
Notes from remote meeting held at 7.30pm on 18th March 2021

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

Apologies: S Mackay

Public attendance: S Cole Resident

1. Welcome, apologies and introductory remarks

E Marvin welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from S Mackay

2. Draft Policies Consultation Update

• **Review of progress**

E Marvin said the open discussion sessions had been going well. They provided an opportunity for more detailed discussion of specific issues or concerns and as such were proving valuable.

The dates of the Open Discussion meetings in April would be 8 and 22 April. S Cole asked whether the Village Green site in Dorrington could be developed or have the Village Green status removed. E Marvin replied that the purpose of Village Greens was to ensure they remained as an amenity for the local community, and there were no plans to change the status.

• **Dorrington site allocation review**

E Marvin reported that the open discussion meeting on 11th March had been attended by residents from The Maitlands in Dorrington, to discuss the location and number of houses proposed for a new site on The Maitlands. B Carey had explained the way in which the site had been identified, and the change of location made following feedback from residents. There was a further query as to whether the number of dwellings could be reduced to c20 on the Maitlands site, and the number increased to c25 on the proposed Station Road site. This was discussed and it was agreed to leave this open to review. Proposed site numbers were indicative only as the number actually delivered would depend on site layout, and house size and type.

• **Climate change**

R Morris thought transport issues should be more clearly incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan. He noted there was a new National Bus Strategy, which made significant proposals about bus services in rural areas. He also thought there should be clearly emphasis on alternative routes into Shrewsbury, including cycle routes and a train station halt. This was agreed.

• **Zoom consultation meetings**

E Marvin proposed the following dates for meetings in May and June:

Open discussion meetings –

13 and 27 May 2021 10 and 24 June 2021

Steering Group meetings –

20 May 2021 17 June 2021

• **Next steps**

1. B Carey would produce more posters for the Open Discussion meetings in May and June

2. B Carey would check the standard housing unit allocations per hectare

3. Locality funding and technical advice

E Marvin said that he and B Carey would make a funding application to Locality early in the new financial year (April 2021)

4. Timetable to referendum

P Gore asked if postal voting would be permitted for the referendum. B Carey said the referendum was managed and carried out by Shropshire Council Elections team and the normal rules should apply, but she would double-check with Shropshire Council.

B Carey would bring an updated timetable to the next Steering Group meeting.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The next Steering Group meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 15th April 2021.

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