**Gotherington NDP Steering Group Meeting Minutes**

7:00pm on Thursday 27th August 2015 at David’s house

Present: Elin Tattersall, David Ward, Howard Samuels, Paul Hughes, Phil Aplin, Iain Angus, Caroline Ryman, Simon Tarling.

Apologies: David Hearn

Local Green Spaces

1. The Meadow

We must inform the landowners, Mr and Mrs Cook, of our intent to designate The Meadow as a Local Green Space. **Caroline** to let David have their contact details. **David** will contact them.

**Elin** will check the Land Registry and continue to investigate any possible developments resulting from the Saville’s strategic development opportunity. **Elin** will also check if the LGS protection against development is for the life of our NDP, or in perpetuity.

**Howard** and **David** to complete Comments Forms on the NDP ref Open Weekend.

**David** will check Site Option comments for the number mentioning “route to shops”. **David** will also send this list of Site Options and comments to Elin.

**Caroline** will ask the school if The Meadow is used as a route to the school. **Caroline** will also ask Scott’s dad to outline the historical use of The Meadow.

**David** will ask parish council and **Mel Gore** to say how important The Meadow is to the community.

**Iain** will ask Mavis Rear to obtain a statement from the ramblers on the importance of The Meadow.

1. Freeman Field

**Howard** will supply Elin with a list of all the groups (including the Nursery) that use Freeman Field. He will also ask each group to write letters to the Steering Group stating why Freeman Field is so important to them.

**Elin** will confirm that playing fields are acceptable sites for inclusion in an NDP as a LGS.

**Elin** will complete the LGS Designation forms for both sites within by mid September and the forms will then be forwarded to Kirkwells as an addendum to the NDP.

Site Selection

There was much discussion on the choice of sites. The consultation showed that residents selected the multiple sites option, which comprised sites 14, 12, 1 and 17. The landowner has now ruled out site 17 (along Woolstone Lane) and, unfortunately, the landowner of site 12, will not give a commitment on his land. He is talking to a promoter and we suspect that he has plans to develop the whole site. His plans won't be known until October and it was explained to him that we cannot wait that long.

This means that at present we have only two definite viable sites: 14 and 1. This raises several questions on which we would like Kirkwell’s advice. **David** will contact Michael Wellock on the following queries:

In our NDP we have specified parts of some sites. Holly Jones (TBC) feels strongly that one can only designate part of a site for development if there is a natural boundary, such as a path or hedgerow.

1. What are the risks of specifying part of our sites?
2. Is there any planning legislation or a precedent that clarifies the issue?
3. What protection do we have if a landowner decides in the future to develop the remainder of his partly developed site? Is this protected by the NDP?
4. Is there any advantage in specifying a maximum density of dwellings on a site?
5. How should we deal with Mr Clark of site 12 to persuade him that our residents wish to develop only part of his site?
6. Lioncourt Developments have expressed an interest in developing site 9 (opposite site12). If we were able to include Site 9 instead of site 12, this would keep the village linear and maintain the preference for multiple sites. Do you advise that we approach Lioncourt with a view to including their site in our NDP? Of course, they may wish to develop the whole site.

Formal Consultation Leaflet

It was agreed that the leaflet will comprise:

* A single A3 folded sheet.
* A friendly introduction on what we expect from the leaflet
* Information will be included on where they may see a copy of the final draft NDP and where it should be posted or when it will be collected and the final date for completion.
* A space for name, address, email and telephone number
* A list of each of the seven chapters, their page numbers and a space for comment on each
* A list of each of the thirteen policies, their page numbers and a space for comment on each
* We must state that if they are happy with a particular chapter or policy, a tick will suffice.

**Phil** will design this form and circulate a draft.

**Elin** will set up a system at GRCC to allow the leaflets to be completed on line through the Gotherington website, if people wish.

When we are ready to launch the Formal Consultation these leaflets will be posted through the letterboxes of all households.

Once all these leaflets have been completed and collected and entered into a spreadsheet, the Steering Group will need to decide:

1. Does a comment warrant a change in our NDP?
2. If yes, this will be actioned. If no, we must state why not.

The data collected and all changes will be sent to Kirkwells for inclusion in the final version of the GNDP.

The meeting was closed at 9:00pm

David Ward

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