

Notes from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting

Parish Council Offices – Aston Clinton

19th October 2016 at 09:00

Present: Colin Read, Lesley Ronson, Roisin Stewart, Marion Mason, Keith Loxley, Liz Tubb, Ed Peile, Tony Winterbottom, Peter Wyatt
Elaine Barry (assistant Clerk and minute taker)

	Item	Action
	<p><u>Purpose of the meeting</u></p> <p>To discuss feedback from the exhibitions and next steps</p>	
1	<p><u>Feedback – topics</u></p> <p>Ed Peile and Roisin Stewart had collated all the comments from the feedback exhibiton into a spreadsheet (see Appendix A) and Ed Peile presented their findings to the group highlighting the following points:</p> <p>Health:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nobody opposed the draft objective o f “To improve health services and facilities for the village” with a high majority commenting on unexeptalbe waiting times and poor parking. • Housing for elderly designed to enable people to stay in their homes (space for carer, space to install lifts etc.) • More engagement from NHS with the local community • Dementia care was mentioned <p>Business:</p> <p>Objective number 3, “Plan for a future retail hub” - opinions on this were divided. This may be due to the perception that retail hub meant supermarkets, large retail chains etc. There was more of a preference for a few small shops such as butchers, bakers etc. on sites such as where the Chinese restaurant currently stands.</p> <p>The group AGREED that this should be addressed, maybe through a re-working of the wording or providing options to be chosen from.</p> <p>Leisure:</p> <p>Objective number 1, “Maintain/improve access to public open space: footpaths, cycle tracks, bridleways”</p>	

	<p>- This objective was strongly supported along with a desire for a footpath to put in along Stablebridge road, connecting Aston Clinton to the Chilterns. The group strong agreed with a need for this.</p> <p>Objective number 2, “Protect green spaces and important views - preserve rural character”</p> <p>- This objective was also strongly supported and seen as very important</p> <p>Objective number 3, “Renew and improve AC Park facilities”</p> <p>- Again there was strong support for this with a number of comments standing out as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o More for the elderly in the park o Protecting against anti-social behavior o Non urbanization o Protecting of Wendover and the wildlife o Generally in support of a community centre <p>Action: The group discussed speaking to Green Park with regard to opening the pool up to the village. Liz Tubb volunteered to talk to Green Park</p> <p>Action: it was AGREED that the group needed to revisit the topic of the desire for a footpath along Stablebridge Road.</p> <p>Housing:</p> <p>Objective number 1, “To identify local housing needs and preferred sites for local development”</p> <p>- This objective was supported. Although the majority did not want to see any more housing, the preference would be for brownfield sites</p> <p>Objective number 2, “to influence the design and type, tenure,and scale of new housing”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mainly in favour of affordable housing/owning a part share (the group decided that this required further investigation) - Off street parking – adequate off street parking spaces to keep cars form parking on the roads. Tony Winterbottom suggested a policy along the lines of “no development permitted in certain areas unless suitable provision made for off street parking. The assistant clerk informed the group that Buckland had a policy in their plan. - Elderly housing to be mixed not isolated - Design style to be in keeping with village <p>Education:</p> <p>Objective number 1, “Sufficient school places for local children”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Residents were strongly in favour of this objective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ed Peile informed the group that from his research, there would be a transition period of at least 5 years to achieve this so although this objective should be included, it must be worded in a realistic way with realistic time frames. o Colin Read asked if the school were aware of how many school children are likely as a result of the new developments and Ed Peile replied that they are calculating projections and working hard on this. o Ed Peile pointed out to the group that children coming in at the 	<p>LT</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>TW</p>
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	<p>beginning are currently likely to get a place whereas those wanting to join at the age of 8-9 were unlikely to.</p> <p>Objective number 2, “Safe and effective traffic management including cycleways”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safety management around traffic was of upmost importance including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Encouraging people not to drive to the school o Suggesting no stopping zones at certain times o One way system o More measures for safety to be included in the traffic mitigation plans <p>Ed Peile suggested that the plan would get more support if this issue could be addressed in some way.</p> <p>Objective number 3, “3. Ensure good access to secondary education.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Again there was strong support for this objective. The group felt it important to put a recommendation in to support improvements in transport – which would cross over into the transport topic. <p>Environment:</p> <p>Objective numbers 1, 2 and 3, “Maintain village rural character; preserve green spaces and rural views” “Improve and protect footpaths cycle paths and by-ways” “Improve road safety and ease traffic congestion”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All of these objectives were strongly supported with strong importance put on green corridors and buffer zones. <p>Transport:</p> <p>Objective number 1, “work with Highways improve safety and relieve congestion”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This was supported with differing views on restrictions on speed and traffic type. <p>Objective number 2, “Introduce new separated cycleways, improve connection to community facilities and the countryside”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Again this was supported. There were cross overs with other topics under this objective. - An importance was put on improved links to train stations and improved bus services <p>All AGREED that there should be a policy on conditions for construction traffic written into the plan.</p> <p>Traffic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zebra crossings: Why zebra crossings and not signalized pelican crossings • There was support for reduction of speed limits • Concerns re parking at the guide hut • Green End Street and Brook Street congestion? Had this been looked at? • Had a roundabout at Stablebridge Road been considered • The junction with Tring Hill and Upper Icknield way was of great 	<p>LR</p>
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	<p>concerns with the wish to see a major junction review with the possibility of a roundabout etc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns on noise of the raised tables and granite sets • Chicanes in zone 1: would not like to see it like Weston Turville • Generally in favour of the 20mph zones. Colin Read wondered if it should be extended to the school • Concerns around the parking and congestion around the school in drop off and pick up times and children's safety. <p>Elaine Barry would meet with Colin Read to draft a communication with the traffic consultants of the above concerns.</p> <p>ACTION: Ed Peile to circulate spreadsheet to the group.</p> <p>ACTION: Tony Winterbottom, Keith Loxley and Liz Tubb to meet to talk about footpaths.</p> <p>Ed Peile left the meeting</p>	
2	<p><u>Evidence Papers</u></p> <p>Liz Tubb suggested writing up as much as possible and circulating to the group</p>	All
3.	<p><u>Writing of the plan</u></p> <p>Marion Mason offered to help pull it all together into one document</p> <p>Liz Tubb suggested the following layout: Headline Bullet points Front piece on how we got to this point Appendices at the back</p>	MM
4.	<p><u>Next public event</u></p> <p>A date was set for this event for the 3rd December, 10.00 to 15.00</p>	
5.	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>A date for the next meeting was set for 3rd November at 9am. Keith Loxley would not be able to attend but Marion volunteered to represent him.</p>	MM