

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Meeting 30th May 2019

Attendees Bob Langton, Don Davies, Stephen Robertson, Murray Stewart, Alison Needler, Martin Walker, Simon Talbot-Ponsonby

Apologies Rob Harvey, Lyn Matthews, Peter Stanley

1 Context and Reference Points

- Formal plan, needs to be set in a structured way
- National planning policy framework and other documents: The plan needs to be set in the context of set documents
- Old Abbots Leigh and Pill Local Plans are available
- How does our plan sit with the Joint Spatial Plan (JSP)
 - Need to make sure the NP is adopted or developers will do planning by appeal
 - JSP Could be ready by the end of the year
 - Housing number is a key issue which could affect the NP
 - Hopefully our Green Belt would remain

2 Vision and Key Principles

- What are we trying to achieve?
- Need key vision statement with some guiding principles
 - One key principle is sustainability – applicable to all topic areas e.g. Local housing, Transport.
- **AGREED that Climate Change should be a separate topic. Issues might include:**
 - Flooding. Pill sea wall – the tide has got right up to the top of the sea wall
 - Impacts over the next 20 years
 - Parish councils have declared a climate emergency in both Abbots Leigh, Pill / EIG
 - Trees – which ones will die and what should be planted, e.g. Ash die back
 - Think about footpaths, cycle paths, lighting
 - Electric car charging points
 - Electric cars do not mean less cars, just quiet ones
 - Driverless cars
 - Public transport
 - Need better public transport especially if new houses
 - Relationship of the community to public transport
 - No services in Abbots Leigh apart from pub/village hall so everyone has to go out of the area to go to a shop etc
 - NPlan cannot have a direct impact on the A369
 - CSE proposals could come under the sustainability section, but could be tidied up

3 Topics

AGREED that the topic list should be as on the Agenda but include a new section of 'Climate Change'. Wildlife comes under the 'Environment, Ecology and Biodiversity' section. May decide to have sub-divisions for some of these topics.

Murray has been writing a number of background papers and the aim is to write a factual background paper on each of the topics. These could be in the appendix. They are not that long. E.g. one for housing, transport, but these are not the plan itself. The actual NP needs to be more concise with key points.

There should be a background paper on all topics. Should we have sub-groups looking at each topic? The key points of the NP could be 3 large things or 33 small things e.g. parking on the pavement. Different topics for the neighbourhood plan would have to be picked up by different people and written up to a set format and these will be pulled together into one NP.

The NP is allowed to address the police and local authorities about certain issues. Whatever goes in the NP needs to be approved by a referendum by the local community. The NP also goes before an inspector first and the NP will not be taken seriously unless it can be evidenced that we have arrived through our key points by doing proper consultations. Also can do a household survey which might be done by the end of the year. Referendum done by Feb 2020.

4 Consultations

- Been done so far:
 - Housing Survey, Traffic survey, Talking to local councils, Talking to community forum, Talking to dock company, Questionnaires at public events, review of community buildings, conversations with several community organisations.
- What can be done??
 - Household survey- would be done by paper: to cover all households, last piece of info gathering.
 - Computerised surveys - Survey monkey, through the NP website

AGREED ACTIONS Simon would ask Paul if this is feasible and what is technically possible Bob will speak with Graham Hopkins, Tomas Rawlings

- Other points - Spread the word
 - Need list of potential events where could have a presence (or new events) Stand in a pub, Pill Rag, Pill Regatta, Festival in the Field – Abbots Leigh, Roses and Rose – Abbots Leigh, visit Churches, Schools – but 80% children come from Bristol (in Abbots Leigh), have a more open event on sustainability through Centre Sustainable Energy Action

ACTION ALL – think about events where we could have a stand to publicise the NP.

5 Local Business

Businesses may want to have a say in the NP e.g. types of housing, types of transport. Travel to Work. Include major employers e.g. Penny Brohn, Leigh Court, Eden Park, Old Brewery, Portbury Docks. Manor Nursing Home, Also smaller businesses – retail, farms, care homes, as well as doctor, schools. Also significant land owners e.g. Wills estate, Alvis Bros.

Some possible questions for Businesses: How do employees get to work? Do they live locally? Do they have problems getting employees?

Business Survey. Employ a company to create this and analyse the results? Need to scope the questionnaire for the businesses. Should the number of businesses that are consulted be chosen by the size of the business. Need to survey a representative sample. The questions need to reflect that we would want to keep the identity of the villages.

ACTION: Stephen and Murray will put together a list of questions that will be relevant for a business survey

6 Finance

- Some funding from Parish Council last year and some more this year
- Had a Grant from My Locality (community networking body: May be able to get another grant this year
- Small grant received from Quartet Foundation to support the community consultation
- Total amount so far was about £12000

7 Timescale and Future Programme

- Household survey by the end of the year
- NP to the Inspector beginning of next year
- Confirm links with Alliance Homes
- Port should be included as they are in the boundary (Junction 19 – though this is Highways England If we could show support for work on J19 then this may help our relationship with the Port.

9 Topics (see also Item 3 above)

AGREED Actions

MS to update and re-circulate Background papers by mid-June.

All – Read all of the background documents

Responsibility for future thinking/action:

- Housing (including social housing / community land trust) – Murray, Don, Simon
- Environment – Rob and Abbots Leigh wildlife group
- Transport – background paper exists and what the implications are – Don, Peter, Simon, Murray
- Heritage – Murray with co-opted friends (Maggie Stowers)
- Economy and Business – Stephen, Murray, Martin
 - Community - (what organisations are there and think about resources and facilities they have available e.g. village halls, community centres, what about demographics and the facilities across different ages, poverty, affluence, ethnicity) - Lynn, Alison
 - Land & Development – Comes near the end so can be deferred, do we want to protect the land use e.g. agricultural and sports facilities
 - Climate Change – Bob, Sue

Should we have more women (and/or younger people) on the committee and make the spread of people reflect the community? Action All – think about who else might want to join – either Steering Group or sub-groups)

Date for the next meeting: Thursday 26th September at Pill Resource Centre 19:30 to 21:30