

## ES&BG Neighbourhood Plan Steering Team Meeting

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### Present:

Marian Dain

Paul Debenham

Simon Willson

Tony Greener

Gill Lock

John Dain (reporter)

**Apologies:** Beth Reed, Charles Gillow

**Location:** Marian & John's house – Laburnum House, Brocks Green & Zoom for PD, GL, SW

### Agenda:

- Agree record of last meeting ( [5 October 2021](#) ([Web view](#)) )
- Risk Review/Update (Marian) [Working Risk Matrix](#) ([Web view](#))
- Action Log Review (Marian) [Action Log](#) ([Web view](#))
- Finance update (Charles)
- Vision, Policies and way forward/work programme (All)
  - Discuss paper [Thoughts on Vision and Policies for the Plan](#) ([Web view](#))
  - If oneil homer have sent it in time, review their (now overdue) report from the Vision meeting we had with them on 14<sup>th</sup> September ( [Vision Meeting with oneil homer 14th September 2021](#) ([Web view](#)) ) [Report was received just after this agenda was issued and has been placed on the meeting page as pre-read] Their suggestion of next steps from the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> Sept was:
    - Delivery of report from session with recommendations for action
    - Steering group to consider report, agree actions and project plan
    - OH team to offer support to review and analyse evidence, to generate policy ideas and to write policies
    - Steering group to decide how it wants to engage the community before committing to statutory draft NP (Regulation 14) for consultation
  - Identify potential policy workstreams and potential leads for each
- Update on Draft Settlement Policy Boundaries discussion with B&D BC (Marian)
- Update on indicative allocation of housing to be allocated to ES&BG by B&D BC as part of the LPU (Marian) – this is linked to the topic of First Homes which is potentially important to us in respect of affordable homes. The B&D BC meeting on the topic and some correspondence from o-h are on this OneNote page ( [First Homes](#) ([Web view](#)) )
- Update on Business/Stakeholder Engagement (John)
- Development news (Marian)
- Meeting Schedule – propose we need another before the end of the year to regain/sustain momentum given delay to project with late delivery of oneil homer report.
- Any other business

### Status/Decisions/Actions

1. Record of recent meetings. Agreed record of 5 October meeting – now uploaded onto NP pages on Parish website.
2. SG Membership

- Beth Reed is standing back from membership of the SG owing to other commitments. She has agreed to continue leading our Social Media presence and to be consulted by the SG on an occasional basis for her views of NP matters from the perspective of younger people with families.
  - At this stage the team does not feel it necessary to look for new SG members and to focus efforts on securing people to lead and work on the various workstreams we will need to take the plan forward.
3. Risk Review/Update
- Risks around sufficient resourcing and adequacy/diversity of Community/Stakeholder consultation maintained @ orange to sustain focus on these.
  - New risks identified around consultant performance and timing of key decisions in B&D BC LPU process impacting progress and delivery timing of our plan. These are established with orange status.
4. Action Log Review. No issues raised
5. Finance update (Charles)
- Charles was unable to join the meeting but sent a message saying no new transactions since the last meeting. Team would like update on payments so far to o-h.
6. Vision, Policies and way forward/work programme
- Vision and Policy Areas document circulated as a draft was agreed by the team as a fair reflection of the output from the Community Consultation. ([Vision and Policy Areas \(Web view\)](#)). Comments from SG on how this needs elaboration/evolution in policy development (e.g. the meaning of homes for a low carbon future or a requirement for action on Nature Recovery vs encouragement). SG agreed to share with PC, publish the document on Parish website and share with B&DBC (having discussed/agreed this step with oneil homer).
  - SG reviewed the document from oneil homer that wrote up the vision meeting we had with them on 14<sup>th</sup> September
    - The team was disappointed that it was only received on 5<sup>th</sup> November (apparently because oneil homer were busy with another NP that was encountering problems) and that the content requires extensive clarification/correction. (SG spent an hour reviewing the comments, clarifications and corrections required).
    - The team is also not clear on the purpose and form of the document as written given oneil homer recommendation to share with B&DBC and to share with the community via parish website etc. There was also a strong feeling that the document was based on a “template” with some sections inappropriate to the stage we have reached.
    - The SG expectation was that oneil homer would have used the vision meeting, the output of the Community Consultation and our Vision and policy areas draft to propose a clear set of go-forward policy areas and the workstreams required to populate these.
    - It was suggested that MD has a call with RC of Burghclere PC to see how our experience so far with oneil homer mirrors theirs.
    - Next step is for MD plus one or two others from the SG to have a call with oneil homer to work through our concerns and agree the way forward with a sharper edge on deliverables and timing.
7. Update on Draft Settlement Policy Boundaries – nothing new to report from our feedback – the pros and cons of the option of having a satellite areas around the pond as part of the Ecchinswell SPB need to be identified via discussion with our contact (Robyn Milliner) at B&DBC and with oneil homer.

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8. Update on indicative allocation of housing to be allocated to ES&BG coming from B&D BC - nothing new to report – we need to understand how we might be able to make the case for the proposed allocation of 15 homes to BG be made an allocation for the parish as a whole. A meeting of the B&DBC LPU team on rural housing was set for 4<sup>th</sup> Nov but now delayed until 18<sup>th</sup> Nov may impact this topic.
9. Update on Business/Stakeholder Engagement – nothing new to report – now clear that Sovereign Housing are significant player in the Eagle Road housing in BG so a meeting with them will be sought to complement the one we had with Vivid.
10. Development update. No new news on the Catesby proposal for Bishops Green Farm but an application for outline permission is anticipated. SG understands that the PC and various residents groups continue to mobilise opposition.
11. Next SG meeting agreed for Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December by which time we expect to have clearer alignment with oneil homer on the action steps required for timely delivery of our plan.