

NP Steering Committee meeting 13 May 26

EVH 6.30pm.

Present: P Debenham, J Dain, S Letch, M Taylor, L Eadie.

Minutes

1. Review of actions from meeting 8/4/26.
 - a. PD indicated he had not as yet made contact with the Chair of the Burghclere NP Steering Group pending the finalisation of the scope of our plan, so that he had something to share/compare with their project.
 - b. PD indicated that follow up with BDBC re funding application was awaiting finalisation of scoping plan, so that we could demonstrate what any grant could contribute to. However with the current level of funds held by the PC it was probable we would not be considered to require additional funding.
 - c. No other points raised.
2. Review of actions from meeting 27/4/26
 - a. Robyn Milliner had emailed out her draft Scoping Plan this morning, a day early on her schedule. PD suggested the follow up Teams review with her on 20th May at 10am might be more effective if our comments were pre-organised rather than delivered in an ad hoc round robin. A Teams call on the 19th at 10am was proposed to try to collate comments. Those unable to join at this time would be asked to email in their comments in advance of this meeting.
 - b. PD talk to go ahead at 7.30pm Annual Assembly of the Parish. Talk script would be published on the PC web site. The threat from developers, the renewal of the NP, and the need for additional helpers would be covered.
 - c. The Call for Sites was aired as to how to proceed. JD explained the requirements related to land adjoining the Ecchinswell Settlement Boundary (ESB). Discussion arose about the potential for the disused Malthouse Farm site, which may qualify as a brownfield site within Ecchinswell, not being adjacent to the ESB.
 - d. The leaflet drop proposed at the 27/4 meeting had been achieved with design and distribution of 500 by the end of April/first days of May. The intention was to stir up interest to attend the Annual Assembly of Parishes tonight.
3. Timetable going forward.
 - a. The assessment of the scoping document was now in hand.
 - b. The Call for Sites action needs to be planed, it could be the focus of the next Steering Group meeting. LE to contact Joe White re Malthouse Farm to set up dialogue with PD.
 - c. JD advised new owner of site for 5 houses from current NP appears presently to be content to continue this status for that land.

Next Meeting

A possible meeting on 8th June to focus on CfS, although the next scheduled meeting alongside the PC will be on the 9th or 10th June, pending start of new PC Clerk at the beginning of June. So, this seems more likely to be the next meeting time.