



Stevington Neighbourhood Working Party (SNWP)

Minutes of meeting held 6th October, 2015

Present: Graham Read (GR); Andrew Lockwood (AL);); Mary Morris (MM); Linda Penney (LP).

Apologies: Roz Buchanan (RB); Heather Eadie (HE); Lucy Meakin (LM); Pat Olney (PO)

1. Minutes of meeting of 3rd September approved.

2. GR outlined some key points from the recent BBC 2032 Local Plan consultation which he attended with AL:

- The deadline for completion of the BBC Local Plan is mid-2016 but it is likely that this will not be met.
- Under current legislation, the countryside has more protection than will be provided by the 2032 plan, so there is an incentive to submit the Stevington Neighbourhood Plan before the 2032 Local Plan is finalised. Our NP must, however, take into account the new Local Plan.
- Central Government has stated that Bedfordshire needs to plan for 18,000 new dwellings and provisional locations have been identified. Under this, Stevington is likely to be expected to provide 10-20 dwellings. Without an NP, BBC will decide the number of houses and allocation of sites; with an NP in place, Stevington can determine number, location, size, density and appearance. Additionally, with an NP in place, the village gets a 25% share of the Community Infrastructure Levy rather than 15%.
- BBC have a formula for determining sites and categorisation of villages for developments.

Action: GR to summarise details of BBC 2032 Local Plan Meeting.

2. Discussion of NP Launch Event 2 matters

- The original dates were put back to **Thursday, 12th November (7.00 - 8.30pm)** and **Saturday, 14th November (3.00-4.30pm)** to allow information from the BBC 2032 Local Plan consultation meeting to be taken into account. This means spending of the current grant is delayed. Budgeted costs are for Launch Event 2 and the questionnaire. The response from the questionnaire will drive the detail of the NP and additional grant will be applied for to cover this.

Action: RB arrange grant extension to end of February 2016.

Action: all Parish Councillors please confirm to RB availability for Launch 2 events.

Action: SNPWG members and helpers meet at Village Hall on 12th November at 6.45pm and 14th November at 2.45pm

- Posters and flyers are being finalised. Posters will be displayed around the village as before. Flyers will be delivered to all households in the week beginning 2nd November, with reminder flyers delivered 10th/11th November. Flyers will also be handed out at the fireworks display on 5th November and at Cinema Club on 11th November.

Action: SNPWG members deliver to allocated streets as before.

LP arrange distribution of leaflets on 5th and 11th November.

- Launch Event 2 programme on Thursday, 12th:

- 7.00pm doors open
- 7.30pm plenary session: brief intro by Paul O'Flynn, Chair of the Parish Council
summary of NP progress and next stages by GR
open Q&A session to be recorded and minuted

Display boards will have posters on introduction to NP; historical census data on Stevington; village map from BBC showing proposed Borough housing developments; village category poster; several boards with NP draft objectives and sample policies; and photo competition.

Saturday programme will follow the same format.

Refreshments managed by Jane Read, LM, MM and HE

Action:

AL provide posters and flyers; comment cards, name badges; confirm to LP number of display boards needed.

GR provide comment box; investigate putting QR code on posters to link with relevant websites

LP confirm recording arrangements with Steve Cole and storage of display

materials on 13th November; liaise with Sue Thornton regarding display boards; collect posters from Kall Kwik when printed.

LP/MM/HE: meet at Village Hall on 12th November at 4.00-5.00pm to prepare Hall.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 3rd November, 7.00pm, GR house to finalise Launch Event2.