

Minutes of a meeting of the Puddletown Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (PNPSG) held at 7pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 at remotely using Zoom.

PNPSG Chair: Peter Churchill

Present: John Ridout, Janet Ranger, Jo Witherden

**Minute Number      Comments**

20/015      **Apologies for Absence**

Janey Gordon and Anna Bendall (Clerk) sent apologies after the meeting.

20/016      **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes for the PNPSG Meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 be approved. These will be signed at a later date when social distancing measures are relaxed.

There were no matters arising.

20/017      **External Examiner's Report**

The various points raised by the External Examiner on the Draft Puddletown Neighbourhood Plan were discussed.

**RESOLVED** that the issues raised concerning Local Green Spaces (Policy 1), housing infill (Policy 2), restrictions on development and modifications to Table 3 (Policy 4), the use of PVC-u materials (Policy 5), biodiversity mitigation and enhancement plans (Policy 6), the Statement of Common Ground related to nitrogen levels in Poole Harbour (Policy 7), flood risk (Policy 8), noise (Policy 9), housing types (Policy 11) are acceptable to the Steering Group and should not be challenged.

Further **RESOLVED** that the issue of removing the reserve status on the Northbrook Farm development site be accepted (Policies 10, 12, 13), but should be addressed by a letter to Dorset Council asking that they recognize that this change will push the level of development beyond the planned 88 dwellings in the planning period by 12 dwellings, and that this should be mitigated by assuring that developments are properly phased.

20/018      **Updated Draft Plan**

**RESOLVED** that the updated Draft Plan as prepared by Jo Witherden was acceptable to the Steering Group and should be sent by Jo Witherden to Dorset Council as a basis for Plan to be presented to the Referendum. The Steering Group noted their thanks to Jo Witherden for her great efforts in producing this Plan.

20/019      **Status of the Draft Plan and Next Steps**

The updated Draft Plan will be sent to Dorset Council.

A letter will be sent by the Steering Group to Dorset Council asking that the removal of the Reserve Site status for Northbrook Farm be mitigated by appropriate phasing of development. Dorset Council are required to formally reply to the External Examiner's report within 5 weeks of receiving the report; this must therefore be completed by early January. The Steering Group letter to Dorset Council should state that the Steering Group is happy for that period to be extended if it means a proper consideration of means to mitigate the removal of the reserve status on the Northbrook Farm site.

Puddletown Area Parish Council should consider publicising the Referendum. Under current restrictions applied by National Government due to the COVID pandemic the Referendum cannot occur until May 2020.

20/020 **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place to discuss the promotion needed for the Referendum. This will take place in February 2021. The date will be confirmed via email.

The meeting closed at 7:15 pm.

..... PNPSG Chair