

Minutes of a meeting of the Puddletown Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (PNPSG) held at 7pm on Monday 28th October 2019 at the Village Hall, Puddletown

PNPSG Chair: Peter Churchill

Present: Jane Cox, Janey Gordon, Janet Ranger, John Ridout.

In attendance: Jo Witherden and Cllrs Drake, Ling, Walton and Sheppard.

Clerk from PAPC: Anna Bendall

Minute Number **Comments**

19/040 **Apologies for absence**

Cllrs Cooke, Salcedo and Langdon.

19/041 **Draft Plan**

The latest version of the draft plan was presented and discussed in detail. Overall Councillors were impressed with the quality of the document however the following points were raised by members of the Parish Council:

- Puddletown is a “hub” for surrounding villages which depend on services like the schools, surgery, shop and library. The plan should take this into account.
- One of the most congested areas is outside of the shop. A shop in a different location at some point in the future with dedicated parking would be beneficial.
- A councillor raised a concern about the acquisition of the data concerning traffic speed as this was acquired from the SID owned by the Parish Council and was done without the knowledge of the Parish Council.
- The need to review the Plan every two years is concerning. There may be a lack of enthusiasm from the community to engage with this process so regularly and from councillors who are ultimately responsible for the process.
- The offer of community space from landowners is encouraging and much appreciated. It was considered that the Parish Council should lead the process to decide the use of this community space at a later date.
- The allocation of affordable housing, particularly that allocated for local people is pleasing as it will enable local families to remain in the village.
- The plan will enable the Parish Council and the community to limit development and ensure that the village doesn’t grow too quickly.

The Local Green Spaces were discussed. It was agreed that the area at the Coombe/Whitehill should be altered so as not to include the part of the garden of the property on the corner as this is private land owned by one single owner and is in that respect, no different from any other private garden in the village. It was agreed that all other LGS should be included in the plan, but to specifically and clearly differentiate between areas which are private and not accessible to the public and those which are open to the public after a landowner raised concerns that LGS designation may cause people to incorrectly assume that these are all public spaces.

19/042 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 4th November, 6:30pm at Rod Hill.

The meeting closed at 8:25pm.

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..... PNPSG Chair

4/11/2019