

Maggie's Notes from NP Meeting on 29.11.18, 7.00pm in The Priory Room

Present: Phil Newby, Alison Martin, Jimmy Bailey, Maggie Barber, Lorna Mackinnon, Richard Belson, Alan Twite, Eddie Dougall, Allyson Walker, Anita Nichol (rep. Little Willows), Sally Johnston, and Ian Campbell.

Apologies: Kathryn & John Blakeway, Trevor Roberts, Amanda Ellis, Tracey Gorzelak will be late.

Main Matters:

1. Follow up to **CIL meeting** .. points to remember: don't spend on something that someone else is required to do; pool funding in order to get more bang per buck!!
2. **Mendlesham NP:** Phil and Jimmy have met with the Chair of Mendlesham Planning Group. There was a heavily weighted policy document which they now have to amend and go out to a further referendum re sites.
This was the first NP and took a long time, having been started in 2012 and adopted last year. Now they need to go back to it because of planning system changes. They need to embrace growth in terms of their own locality. Some things had fallen away, other elements may not have been necessary. It now needs to be tailored more tightly to the needs of the neighbourhood.
3. **Our remarks on the plan:**
It was very clear.
There was a lot of policy, no clear action .. could we use it as a skeleton and work around it?
The policies were a clear explanation of what they were trying to do and where they were going.
There was substantially more photographic detail than written.
Some photos had arrows to a map to show where the sightlines were .. a zippy method of getting the message over.
There had been quite a lot of discussion with other groups.
They had sent out only one questionnaire (whereas Stowupland had sent out a number).
4. **Comments in relation to our plan:**
Jimmy pointed out that we need to build in about questionnaires .. they could allow us to allocate ideas to various headings.
Richard asked should we visit our own headings and say simply what we want to see .. we need an idea of what we are trying to achieve before doing a questionnaire. What do we wish to preserve? We need to have an idea of the required housing numbers.
Jimmy asked how much development have we had over the last 5/10 years? How do you demonstrate 'easy to digest' development and 'less easy' over this amount of time?
Trevor and his maps are needed!!
We need small bites rather than big chobbles!! We need to future-proof !
Phil stated that we need to look at sites and then say 'this is how much development the village will take'. Areas may be inside the village envelope/settlement boundary, some outside it. Once identified go through the process of some site owners putting their sites forward. He made the point that we assume we're all in favour of smaller sites.

Jimmy: we control and identify sites, how many, when they can come forward.

Sally asked if identifying sites can be contingent on other things e.g. school places and displacement for some children. We need a discussion on where a new school could be sited – would that open us up to more houses to fill the school?

Phil stated that not identifying sites is not an option – we must bite the bullet early but bear in mind the caveats needed.

Eddie: sought clarification on whether MSDC did actually have a 5 year plan. The actuality is that they don't!

We decided we need to target people rather than putting out a free for all regarding land for sites.

Ian said we need to look at what we've got and say no to some sites – some may be possible, some not. Where could we put satellite housing – pluses and minuses and where there might be problems about development. We might be able to achieve what we want to do within the envelope.

5. Future meetings:

January – we need to do visioning and pull out our priorities. We need policy provision, evidence, to identify the sites .. these 3 elements for 2019. Sally and Richard will work out strategies for the meeting on **Visioning and Priorities**. Brainstorm visioning and then split into groups.

February – Building the Evidence box

March – Housing & Sites

April – Questionnaire

6. **O's & S's** – Mendlesham printed very limited quantities .. went electronic. Mendlesham used the Locality Team.

Inception meeting with the team from Bab/MSDC possibly in Feb.

7. Meeting ended 8.40

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