

Minutes of the 17th Meeting of the Ewelme Neighbourhood Plan Working Party 6 February 2018 at 8pm at the Watercress Centre

Chair: Geoff Watts

Secretary: Sarah Maine

Present: Andy Evans, Chris Jenkins, David Solomon, Andy Green , Sue Cooper, David Cooper, Roger Moore, Neil Blake,

Apologies: Gemma Benoliel, Ellie Clements, Mary TL

NB. For the sake of brevity, participants will be referred to by their initials in these minutes. Further abbreviations:

- NP (SG) Neighbourhood Plan (Steering Group)
- EPC Ewelme Parish Council
- SODC South Oxfordshire District Council
- SC Steering Committee
- SOHA South Oxfordshire Housing Association

1. GW welcomed those present. No new introductions were necessary.

2. Conflicts of interest: No new conflicts registered.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting: Agreed

4. Data: Using available data, AG had been unable to obtain sufficient data to differentiate between the status on the RAF camp and in Ewelme. Therefore it was agreed that data from the 2011 census (and 2001 where available) would form the basis of our statistical analysis. This would have limited value as we are unable to differentiate between the information on the camp and the rest of the village.

5. Treasurer's Report: no change from last time.

6. Working documents: GW/SM had incorporated comments received by 15 January into a revised Main Body (Pt I) and Appendices document (Pt II) and circulated them. Repetition had been omitted but the text in the appendices was largely unedited. Committee members were asked to resubmit anything that they felt had been left out and all comments should now only refer to this document.

7. Pre-submission Plan: PART I

Policies

SC and DC to edit Part II Transport Section and re supply with amended policies including one on Noise Pollution (ref Passey application).

It was agreed that each set of policies should have an introduction stating where we are and what are the issues facing the village. How each policy will help us achieve our vision, what might go wrong without a policy.

Policies to have additional copy added to summarise the main aspect/evidence of the text (as written in Part II) so that Part 1 is a standalone document SM/GW

Polices to be re formatted/layout adjusted to flow/correspond with Objectives. SM/GW

(GW/SM to consider 'The Parish Council will....' When re writing any policies)

Data

AG's piece on data will replace the existing copy in Part I and will form the baseline for our data availability. Data analysis (such as is possible within these circumstances) in Part II will be eliminated or re written using the base line.

Sources of information or baseline data must be referenced in Part II eg. EC comments on water and sewerage pipes, DS comments on limiting development to within 50m of the Brook etc.

Village Envelope

It was agreed that the VE has already been finalised and agreed and its topography need no further discussion

It is currently not included as a section but needs to be added it is a key element in the overall Plan. GW to add.

All new copy for Part I (updated Policies) to be supplied by Monday 12th February please

PART II

We did not even begin to look at Part II but it is apparent that some work is necessary now that we are seeing the 'bigger picture'. Where sections need editing (esp Transport and Environment but all others open to re supply) could the compilers re supply their copy by Monday 12th February please. SM and GW will take new versions plus existing where not changed and edit the content accordingly.

One other area that does need additional work is the last section on Housing – where three potential HELAA sites have been mentioned. If these are to be dismissed, or indeed proposed, evidence based data and analysis needs to be included.

Community Engagement

GW circulated copy for this section

Scoping Survey/Scoping Results

It is suggested that this is not now necessary as it is covered within the Community Engagement section but GW to work up a draft for circulation and final agreement.

Design

The Village Design Statement (AE) is as yet blank as is the Character Assessment(DS). Having looked at other Plans, the CA is a detailed analysis of area by area, road by road of where (or where not) developments could take place. As we identified early on that we do not want developments, this may not be necessary – our plan is not so much where we want developments, but more where we do not want them.

We already have detailed analysis of Significant Buildings and Community Assets and have the protection of ABOB and a Conservation Area. Suggest that VDS and CA are combined into the VDS which gives an analysis of how and why the buildings in Ewelme are important, their position in a narrative timeline and thus our stance on design, appearance, structure and its importance on the essence of the village (AE).

Questionnaire Results

AG to edit the editorial section (summary of results) to remove the queries posed in his original introductory copy

New copy for Part II be supplied by Monday 12th February please (understand that the VDS will take longer).

Parts I and II

Outstanding issues

Mapping, particularly the Village Envelope, as any mapping included in an A4 presentation pack will be too small for detailed understanding.

A presentation day/evening for the village where proposed policies will be explained. Date tbc.

Need to ensure use of consistent and defined terms – eg Village Envelope, the Brook, King's Pool Alms-houses etc

All statements need to be evidence based.

GW reminded everyone that our Plan needs to :

- Conform to NPPG
- Comply with SODC instruction
- Comply with European and Local Laws
- Focus on Sustainable Development
 - i. For the Environment
 - ii. For the Economy
 - iii. For Social issues

Date of next meeting: 28 February 8pm Watercress Centre