



**ARNE PARISH COUNCIL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP MEETING Wednesday 6th
April 2016 at Stoborough Primary School**

Present: Robert Kenward (RK), Caroline Macleod (CM) Ashley Pellegrini (AP), Ray Scragg (RS), Avris Wakefield-Sutton (AWS), Don Hunter (DH), Amanda Crocker (AC), Richard Bessant (RB), Vivienne Ward (VW)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Ian Jenkins

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2016

A copy of the minutes was sent to all members of the SG prior to the meeting. DH proposed them to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by RS and agreed unanimously. AP signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising that are not on the current agenda.

4. To consider the inclusion of the Flood Resilience papers within the Plan

Having taken advice from Jo Witherden (JW), it was felt that the Flood Resilience Plan should be included in the appendices rather than in the body of the Plan.

5. To review the budget to date

Budget expenditure had been brought up to date and a copy of the budget issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. We currently have a balance of £6,656.18 remaining. Additional funding is now available from My Community Locality and AC will look into drawing down some of this funding. New costings will be drawn up ready or inclusion.

6. Report from the Writing Group

Nothing to report.

7. Relationship with Wareham Town Council

DH reported that he had met with Keith Critchley (Chair of the Wareham Steering Group) and Dan Evans (member of the Steering Group). No discussions took place regarding policies, etc. although it was agreed that issues of common interest could arise and, if so, an open line of communication should be maintained. It was agreed unanimously that this would be the best way forward.

8. To review discussions held with Jo Witherden, Consultant

AP and DH had met with JW on 5th April. This advisory meeting cost £170 but both AP and DH felt it was very worthwhile. JW has quoted £2,045 to undertake the SEA scoping consultation, produce report identifying relevant

policies plans, etc. A full copy of the quotation was passed to all members. Overall it was felt that this was good value for money.

Discussion took place about the £30,000 originally given to PDC, of which £5,000 was given to the Parish Council. The balance was of £25,000 held by PDC was to cover officer time and enable them to produce the SA and Scoping documents. This is clearly not going to happen now and we are in need of help to move the Plan along. AP proposed that we engage JW and this was seconded by DH. A vote was taken and all members were in agreement that JW should be appointed.

CM reminded members that, ultimately, the Plan will need to be passed by PDC before going to an Inspector. JW has done some work with PDC so will be better placed to deal with them than the Parish Council is.

RK expressed concern about how much time is going to be required for the SA as JW's quote is for the scoping document only. We need this figure as well in order to have an idea of overall costs before applying to Locality for the additional grant funding.

AP suggested that 3 or 4 members of the Steering Group work with JW. It was agreed that this group should consist of AP, RK, RS and DH.

AP will continue to speak to Anna Lee regarding the £25,000 although it is felt that she will not be able to provide any further information.

AC will write to JW to formally employ her, copying in AP. It will be made clear that we have the funding in order to do this but will be applying for the additional funding.

9. Consultation evening

BK has asked if a date could be confirmed. However, what are we consulting on?

RK – the implications of the Partial Review on the 19th April will have an effect on how we move forward with the Plan. The word is that PDC are looking for a large development site and the Worgret site is on the list. If they decide to put the Worgret site forward, would we want to then offer two further development sites within the parish? If Worgret is not included, should we go ahead with just one site or both?

AC will contact Anna Lee to find out what they hope the 19th April meeting will achieve and if they are aware of the contents of the Neighbourhood Plan to date.

It was agreed that we cannot hold our consultation in April because of the implication of the Partial Review and the pending policy review with JW. AP will contact the school regarding the booking.

10. Other matters arising

There were no other matters to consider.

11. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 10th May 6pm at the school, if it is available.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19:00pm.