



Stroud Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Sustainable Development Committee held at Stroud Church on Thursday 6th of April 2017 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr D McKinney, Mr R Allen, Mr L Fanshawe, Mr C Rogers and Cllr C Foulston

Also Present: Mrs E Foulston (Clerk & RFO), a representative from Cotswold Transport Planning and 2 representatives of CALA Homes.

SC1.02.16 Apologies for Absence: Mr C Waller, Mrs C Underwood, Ms K Wootton and Mr P Ciniglio.

SC2.02.16 Election of Chairman: Cllr McKinney agreed to stand as Chairman of this Committee, proposed by Mr R Allen and seconded by Mr C Rogers.

SC3.02.16 Election of Vice Chairman: Mr Fanshawe agreed to stand as Vice Chairman of this Committee, proposed by Cllr McKinney and seconded by Mr C Rogers.

SC4.02.16 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests: Although not a pecuniary interest, Mr Fanshawe disclosed that he was working with CALA Homes on a different project.

SC5.02.16 Comments from the Public or Press: None.

SC6.02.16 To Discuss Traffic Management Issues on Ramsdean Road:

Introductions were made from everyone in attendance and it was explained that Cotswold Transport Planning had been instructed about a year ago by CALA Homes to undertake a traffic survey at the junction of Ramsdean Road and the A272. The survey took place on Tuesday 22nd March 2016, between 7am and 10am and also 4pm and 7pm, and forms part of the Transport Statement that supports the planning application that has been submitted. The survey looked at both numbers of cars and pedestrians. It established that the average speed of cars at the entrance to the proposed site is less than 30mph. The survey calculated (using selected parameters for the local area) that there would be an additional 14 vehicle trips from the development during the peak hours of 8am to 9am and 5pm to 6pm. This takes into account traffic movements being spread out throughout the morning and people working from home. It was discussed that the development should not impact too much on school pick up time in the afternoon. The survey is the 'worst case scenario' and doesn't factor in potential changes such as more children attending the school who live on the development rather than having to travel in from other areas.

The Highways Authority are satisfied with a 1 day only survey as long as there is no unusual adverse traffic on that day. It was queried what would be the trigger for Hampshire County Council to make a change at the junction and this was confirmed as being either a capacity issue (90% or above) or a safety issue (where several accidents have occurred). The capacity expected at the junction is 44% so falls considerably short of the trigger point.

Visibility at the junction was discussed as not being ideal. The major issue of residents in Ramsdean Road not being able to get out of their drives was also discussed. CALA Homes confirmed that there are more parking spaces on the development than Hampshire County Council guidelines suggest.

It was resolved to ask Langrish School for an up to date Travel Plan to include the potential development and depending on what the plan says, other suggestions such as car sharing could be made. It was discussed whether any other land in the village could be used for school parking.

Other options discussed were the potential for Ramsdean Road residents to park within the development, a layby on Ramsdean Road and two entrances to the development instead of just one with a potential road looping around where the Village Hall is sited on the plan. This, however, would mean that there could be an adoptable road going through the land that is being gifted to the village for the hall and would mean that safety barriers could not be added. It is not likely that Hampshire County Council would want to add double yellow lines to Ramsdean Road.

CALA Homes confirmed that their aim was not to make the traffic issue in Ramsdean Road any worse than it already is.

It was resolved that CALA Homes would review both the additional entrance/exit suggestion and the idea of a layby and would respond as soon as possible.

Another query raised was in addition to lighting on the development. Hampshire County Council will have the final decision on lighting but both they and SDNPA have agreed to recognise low level lighting under the Dark Skies policy. The Village Hall could have safety lighting. Cotswold Transport Planning did not think that street lighting would be needed due to the size of the development.

CALA Homes confirmed that all of the documents including drainage requirements have now been registered with the planning authority. A landscape scheme is not a requirement of registering.

SC7.02.16 To Discuss Hiring a Traffic Management Expert:

It was discussed whether the Parish Council should arrange for an independent traffic survey or a peer review. Costs could be in the region of £1,000. Hampshire County Council will be reviewing the travel survey that has been included with the planning application before they make their comments. **It was resolved** that this discussion would be taken to the next meeting to ensure that all members of the committee have the chance to comment on this.

SC08.02.16 Future Agenda Items:

Village Hall. Affordable Housing.

SC09.02.16 To Decide the Date of the Next Meeting:

Cllr McKinney suggested Wednesday 19th April at 7.30pm and the Clerk will check to see if the Church is available to hire for that day.

Meeting Ended: 8.45pm

Signed

Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Clerk – E Foulston