



Stroud Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Development Committee held at Langrish House Hotel on Tuesday 25th of March 2014 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr D McKinney, Cllr C Snow, Cllr F Rogers, Mrs G Spencer, Mrs E Beardsmore, Mr R Allen, Mr C Brown, Ms H Bradley, Mr J Mitchell & District Cllr N Drew.

Also Present: Mrs M Snow (Clerk & RFO) & 1 member of the public.

AC1.04.14 Apologies: Cllr J Edbrooke, Mr Charlie Rogers (Village Hall Committee Chairman), County Cllr V Clarke, Mr C Spencer, Mr S Brown, Mr A Cooper, Mrs J Llewellyn, Ms L Hooper, Ms Catherine Kirkham (CAH) & Mr Chris Paterson SDNP Link Officer.

AC2.04.14 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests: None

AC3.04.14 Comments from the Public or Press. None

AC4.04.14 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting on the 10th of December 2013.

Minutes of the first Affordable Housing & Sustainable Development Committee Meeting held on the 10th of December 2013 previously circulated were agreed and signed.

AC5.04.14 To receive reports from the following Focus Groups:

a) Affordable & Open Market Housing.

Cllr McKinney updated the committee on the meeting with SDNPA planning officers, developers and Parish Council representatives, at EHDC Offices on Monday the 14th of April 2014 to discuss a pre application that Antler Homes have submitted. Mr David Townsend (SDNPA planning officer) who was a link officer and has been invited along to the Parish Council AHSD committee meetings, is no longer able to attend due to a pre-application being submitted. The Chairman Cllr David Mckinney and the Vice Chairman Cllr Alan Burges and the clerk are to attend the meeting. The Chairman explained what a pre-application was so that the members of the committee understood what is involved in the planning process. Cllr McKinney also explained that the Parish council would not normally attend pre-application meetings but had been invited by the developers. The Parish Council have been consulted on the Pre-application but feel at this time no comment could be made until after the Pre-application meeting. It was noted that the Pre-application was submitted without the Parish Council's knowledge and against the pc's wishes as they felt engagement had only just begun. The developers were due to give a presentation at the APM but this will no longer be possible as the application has hindered the engagement process.

The focus group had its second meeting on Thursday the 13th of February 2014 and was chaired by Cllr Edbrooke, David Wade and Lionel Fanshawe were present. They created a rough sketch of the possible layout of the development so they had something to work with. The developers have advised the pc that the smaller the homes the more will be required as they are requiring a minimum square footage not a certain number of houses. Maps and photos of the site were passed round for all to see the site in more detail. Residents were

encouraged to register for the affordable housing as the parish council will need to decide on the Affordable Housing unit figures but can only do that if everyone has registered.

b) School & Traffic

The School & Traffic focus group meeting was held on the 17th of February and Emma Beardsmore, Lynda Hooper, Andy Cooper & Cllr Alan Burges attended. The meeting started with a brainstorming session for ideas of developing the first field only. The idea of a community asset such as a village hall was well received and it was thought that this could be used by the school and the community. It was suggested that the village hall would be better sited at the same site as the new housing and not in the field where planning permission has been gained. Ideas regarding the school run drop off were discussed. The road would be kept clear if the new site could be used for dropping off at school run times. HCC education department had not yet been approached, but the suggestion was made that the village hall could be used as additional class room space for the school. The head teacher at the school is willing to assist the pc if the development goes ahead. The next focus group meeting has not been arranged until discussions need to be had.

c) Village Hall

The village hall focus group was chaired by Jeremy Mitchell and Charlie Rogers, Derrick Higton and Judy Llewellyn were in attendance. Derrick Higton is to find the lottery funding papers and will revisit passed information. Also the group are to look into who will hire the hall, running costs and possible sources of income. They are to speak to other Village Hall secretaries. No further meets had been arranged.

At this point in the meeting discussions were had regarding the merging of the Village Hall and School and traffic groups as they have a lot of items that cross over. A vote was taken and it was agreed that the groups would remain separated for the time being.

d) Community Assets

Cllr Rogers and Cllr Snow jointly chaired the community assets focus group and Nick Winscom, Charlie Spencer and Helen Bradley were all in attendance. The group has started by discussing what community assets could benefit the village. The following suggestions were made: Footpath 703, a Stroud to Petersfield Cycle path, Community garden/orchard, a play area aimed at older children, which could be located next to a possible village hall for cricket, tennis or football pitch.

The parking issues were also discussed. Cllr Rogers attended a presentation regarding the Adhurst community garden with fire pit and donated fruit trees. Cycle paths were discussed by the pc in 2004 and in the parish plan so this idea has strong backing. The group have drawn up 3 options for cycle routes into Petersfield. The focus group has contacted SDNPA and other groups for further details and assistance. All the Community Asset options will be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

AC 6.04.14 Chairman's Report

The annual parish council litter pick was to take place on the 26th of April and all are welcome to attend meeting at the Seven Stars car park at 10.30am.

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on the 1st of April and leaflets have already gone out to all homes.

Future agenda Items: To receive a report from the pre-application meeting which is to be held on the 14th of April.

Date of the next meeting: To be set when further information is available.

Meeting Ended: 9.00pm

Signed
Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Clerk – M Snow