

THORNDON INTO THE FUTURE

Minutes of meeting of the Thorndon Neighbourhood Plan Committee On Monday 30th October 2017

Attendees:

Stuart Cattermole, Deputy Chairman
James Hayward, Parish Councillor
Gemma Burton
Benn Horton
John Jennings
Pauline Smith

1.Apologies for absence: Stephen Page and Kevin Selwood

2.Matters Arising: Minutes of meeting on 2nd October 2017 were approved.

John Jennings was welcomed as a new committee member.

Village Meeting hosted by Glen Horn: The content of the meeting was discussed. Thorndon is now designated a Hinterland village (was previously referred to as a secondary village) and is expected to deliver around 25 new homes during the next 20 years. However, because of the amount of development already taking place (Kerrisons), Glen Horn stated that it could be argued the village has done its bit already as this development has not yet started and is very large scale for the size of the village. Glen Horn also stated that he would be supportive of this but that the village must offer up more sites for development in addition to Kerrisons. The Kerrisons development is currently due to start January 2018, but this is just the refurbishments.

JH has written a document to respond to the Local Plan on behalf of the Parish Council which should be released soon. This includes a reasonably robust defence against developing the site in Fen View. The Parish Council will submit their comments to Babergh/MSDC, including our comments. However, individuals may also put their views and comments forward separately.

3.Review of Plan Sections Status: KS and BH have completed their sections on traffic and health respectively. SC has draft form of household section and JH is in the middle of preparing the development section. GB has made a start on the education section and is waiting for the school to come back with their thoughts

regarding future expansion etc. and a possible date to meet them to discuss. JJ will look to see if there is a particularly relevant section for him to deal with. The final format of the document was discussed (fonts etc) but it was agreed that this would be addressed at a later date when more work on the content had been completed. JH previously circulated details of how to access the Suffolk Observatory website which has more up to date and detailed information to help with preparation of the plan sections.

4.Review of Open Actions:

It was agreed that Committee members would complete their Plan Sections by the next meeting.

Committee members bios are now complete and JH has uploaded to website. It was agreed that the bios would be put into the Village Life Magazine in December/January and that SP would be best person to provide an introduction for this incorporating the Committee's Terms of Reference. JH needs this written introduction by 19/20th November. PS to relay this information to SP as he was unable to attend this meeting.

JH/Amanda Thompson have received an email from Babergh/MSDC Community Planning (Paul Bryant, Business Support Officer) confirming that they have received the application to designate the Thorndon Neighbourhood Plan area and the map has now had the "draft" watermark removed. The formal designation notice will follow. JH has sent Paul Bryant a copy of the village questionnaire/survey and the committee's Terms of Reference. It was requested that the email be distributed to village residents and this was subsequently sent out by Claude Brand. This means the First Phase is now complete.

SC noted that because of the work Phil Tucker did initially on providing a draft summary document, we have a good structure to work with to enable us to provide information that the Planning Officer does not already know about the village and it was agreed that the document sections will give all required information. It was suggested by GB that the Summary (appendix) should be sufficiently informative to enable the Planning Officer to focus on that and then refer back to the individual detailed sections as he feels necessary. The conclusion should show where plots could be developed. The draft document will be discussed by the Parish Council before going to an independent assessor and finally, if agreed, going to a full village referendum. Dependent upon the referendum result, the final document will be sent through to the District Council to incorporate into their Plans. The draft plan would have to be circulated prior to the referendum and should be available on the website, shop, school, village hall, pub etc but the detail of this can be decided on at a later meeting. Best efforts must be used to reach as many village residents as possible before the referendum takes place.

5.AOB: None.

6. Date of next meeting: 11th December 2017 (and provisionally 15th January 2018 for following meeting, dependent upon room being available)