

THORNDON INTO THE FUTURE

Minutes of meeting of the Thorndon Neighbourhood Plan Committee On Monday 2nd October, 2017

Attendees:

Stephen Page, Chairman
Stuart Cattermole, Deputy Chairman
James Hayward, Parish Councillor
Gemma Burton
Benn Horton
Kevin Selwood
Pauline Smith

1.Apologies for absence: None

2.Matters Arising: None. Minutes of meeting on 4th September 2017 approved.

3.Update on Map submission to MSDC:

SC completed statement of intention and forwarded to Parish Council Clerk, Amanda who has now submitted same to MSDC, with copy to Glen Horn, District Councillor. This is now registered with MSDC and we await their comments and next steps.

4.Review of Plan Section Status:

Everyone confirmed to SP that they had accessed the website. KS confirmed that he had sent the section on Traffic to James for comment/uploading to draft plan. KS has used the information from the village survey and included information from speed camera data. KS to send a copy of this section of the document to committee members to look at. It was agreed that all sections should look similar for consistency purposes and later the full document will be pulled together adding conclusions/recommendations and made into an overall summary.

With regard to the Education section, GB asked if it would be ok to contact the school regarding the section she is completing. It was agreed that this would be acceptable and that Hannah Gent would be best person to speak to. It would be useful to find out the school's opinion on the suggestion of moving the school to the Kerrison site. SP said that the school are unsure as to number of children in future, so any expensive option such as a move to bigger premises could be difficult. Also it is a Church school with very close ties to the Church. JH has spoken to Andrew

Stringer, County Councillor, about putting another building on the other side of the Church for additional classroom(s) and Andrew Stringer thought that would be reasonably well supported. JH confirmed that the Church car park extension was approved today. The field next to the Church is owned by Thorndon Town Trust and JH will follow up with the Town Trust Chair to discuss usage of this site for an extension to the school and/or play area. JH to also speak to Ivan Atwood to discuss the land next to Church.

JH said the committee should consider if we need to discuss the proposed new village boundary in the Joint Local Plan. Various discussions followed, looking at the Thorndon map, as to where possible sites for additional homes could be built. JH reiterated we need to find sites for 20-25 properties, none of which can be already agreed live developments, and that the village survey was against backfill for any additional properties. Also, as per the village survey, the committee should argue against any large estates at the back of properties. PS said the the Joint Local Plan stated that there should be sustainable balance between housing and employment opportunities and new developments should be accommodated where the need to travel can be reduced through good access to facilities and services. JH informed the committee that Kerrison fields are perceived as inappropriate places to build but the committee looked at the gap between the houses in Clint Road as being a possibility for new buildings, perhaps eight in total. . Comments are required on the Joint Local Plan by 10th November. Everyone should think about comments they may want to make on the plan regarding housing, highways and employment opportunities. JH noted that the Parish Council is in process of arranging a date for Glen Horn to host a meeting at the Village Hall for the community to ask questions on the Joint Local Plan, but no date has been fixed yet.

JH said a primary objective is to speak to everyone who owns a plot of land that the committee feels is a viable building plot, and determine whether they are agreeable to the plots to be shown on the plan as potential build sites within the next ten to fifteen years. and if they think the land would be released for building in that time frame. It was pointed out that development outside the village envelope could happen if we do not note the 20-25 development opportunities in our plan. SP said that we are looking for a general statement of what we would be happy with and the potential locations. JH said we can disagree with some of the new boundaries noted in the Joint Local Plan Map as we are in process of developing the Neighbourhood Plan which does not fit in with their map which goes against the wishes of villagers (as per the survey). JH requested the views of committee members, not on specific parcels of land, but on what Thorndon should become, so that this can be put into one statement. Comments to be sent to JH by Friday October 6.

5. Review of Open Actions: None

6. AOB: None

7. Next Meeting: Monday 30th October, 8pm in Black Horse

