

THORNDON INTO THE FUTURE

Minutes of meeting of the Thorndon Neighbourhood Plan Committee On Monday , 7th October 2019

Attendees:

Stephen Page, Chairman
James Hayward, Parish Councillor
Gemma Burton
Pauline Smith
Ian Poole, Places4People

Apologies for absence: None

Meeting was held with consultant Ian Poole in attendance to go through his draft Plan document sent to the committee on 24th August 2019. IP had added to this document the recent permission of 20 dwellings at the Kerrison site, given that it qualifies. The committee discussed this draft document and it was agreed that next step is for the committee to go through the document and mark up any amendments.

IP asked if, given that the requirement for housing in the village is 55 and we have now exceeded that amount, did the committee wish to add any further housing sites. IP was informed that this committee had decided that three sites should be added to the plan (i) Site 2 on land at rear of Thwaite Road, (ii) Site 4 on the Fen View Field, and (iii) Site 5 land north of The Street. These appeared to be the ones that villagers were least opposed to at the Village Hall drop-in event.

It was felt that the above suggested addition to the plan would centralise new builds at the Kerrison end and centre of the village. Site 2 should be no more than four dwellings including the barn which hopefully could be retained on the site. It should be added in the Plan that every effort should be made to keep the barn if possible. Sites 4 and 5 should be four dwellings each. IP suggested that this should be put into the plan for the next 10-15 years rather than immediate constructions and the committee agreed this.

The Fen View field was discussed as to whether more building would be acceptable and committee felt that it should remain as it is, bearing in mind that it is very steep and is a fen so very wet. The current paddock and play area belong to the Parish Council it is not envisaged these will be changed.

IP stated that he has had a couple of examiners reports back on other Neighbourhood Plans and he will incorporate any suggestions from these into our Plan document. When IP sends draft to Council, they will proof read and let him know if changes are needed.

JH has taken a look at the draft document send by IP to committee and has started to mark up some changes. It was agreed that JH would complete these and circulate to other committee members for them to look at and add their changes before the total document is sent back to IP

It was agreed that JH and SP would take a few more view photos from the roads around the village to add to those already taken for the final plan document.

IP distributed copies of maps of the village showing Settlement Boundary, Housing Allocations, Important Views, Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity, Local Green Spaces and Buildings of Local Significance. It was agreed that the settlement boundary should not be extended to cover the new build site opposite Kerrisons in Stoke Road which is currently under construction.

IP said that although there are no conservation areas in the village, the area around the Church is very special. He made the suggestion that perhaps the creation of a special character area should be added to the plan including perhaps the Church, School, listed buildings behind Church, Manor Farm etc.

IP offered to add objectives to the draft plan relevant to the village. He will concentrate on this first and e-mail to committee to look at.

IP stated that most plans have community actions addressing issues brought up from survey comments that are not necessarily about planning such as parking, etc.. Fact that improvements will be pursued for these issues should be added.

The committee discussed timescales and IP said that it would be good if the committee can get the marked up document back to him by the end of the month. He will then concentrate in November on getting the plan up to the state where we can start putting it to bed. He will aim to start the consultation beginning January 2020. At the end of the consultation period, comments can be pulled together and amendments made. Then he will submit the plan and background documents to MSDC. A six week consultation period then takes place on the amended plan, then it goes off for examination (a further six weeks). We then should possibly be able to have the village referendum in July 2020. IP said he would prepare a bar chart of this timeline for the committee.

SP will write a statement of where we are for the village website.

IP said that MSDC will provide him with a list of 30-40 addresses to whom an e-mail must be sent stating the committee have been preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and have reached the Reg. 14 pre-submission stage. They will be asked to review and make comments. The committee should organise a drop-in session in the village with around 12 copies of the plan available for villagers to read. Anyone who cannot attend the drop-in session or needs to read document in more detail should be able to. It was suggested that the documents be numbered and kept in village shop and a record of who has borrowed them to read kept to keep track of each of the documents. There should be a leaflet drop and it was agreed this should be separate to the Village Life deliveries but hopefully people who deliver the Village Life would be willing to do the leaflet drop on another date. SP said he will get in touch with the school to speak to the schoolchildren and get their thoughts on the Plan.

IP was asked when his next bill was due and he said that it would be when the plan goes out to consultation.

Committee discussed what use the CIL money could be put to and some thoughts were money needed for school renovations, a new path outside the Church, new parking (herringbone style) in front of Church, and perhaps outside exercise equipment at Fen View, replacement road signage in village, and small rural bus shelter.

Date of Next Meeting: TBD