

Notes of the Neighbourhood Plan meeting 5 Nov 2018.

Venue: Stanlake Pavilion

Attendees: Ray Sunley, David Bann, Barbara Smith, Anthony Lawrence, Stephen Conway, Bridget Ditcham, Malcolm Bray, Roy Mantel, Liz Ashley, Merv Boniface.

Apologies: Rohana Abeywardana, Charles Wickenden.

B.D. chaired the meeting.

Report from Team 3.

The housing and transport surveys to be distributed at the same time early January 2019. Concerns were raised regarding the brand colour which is very similar to the Lib Dems orange and may be construed as a political document. The steering group will discuss this at their next meeting 6 November 2018.

A general leaflet has also been produced to be distributed beforehand so that people are aware of the plan and its importance. It is hoped this will encourage more people to respond to the surveys. The draft will be reviewed by the steering committee and a pdf to be available by Friday 9 November if possible. This would then be ready to be distributed at the Xmas Fayre and other events and distributed to shops in Twyford. It was suggested that the leaflet should also be reviewed by someone outside the group to ensure that it is clear and comprehensible.

The print run was agreed – 3,500 to be delivered with the Lib Dem Focus and 1,500 for the Xmas Fayre, shops etc.

S.C. has been in contact with Piggott School to encourage its 6th form to be involved.

Lynn to resend email addresses of the group including new members.

Other media was considered including Dropbox options.

Report from Team 2

The team is currently looking at businesses in Twyford and have created a list and pinpointed them on a map.

Burial grounds were also being considered as space is running out and alternatives need to be found. There will be a mock up of questions to prioritise our needs.

There was a discussion on whether there should be two surveys or one, the use of Survey Monkey and involvement at the Parish Councils AGM next year. It was suggested that the surveys should be tested and there was a discussion regarding the length of the surveys and levels of response.

There was a lengthy discussion on whether the term 'hub' should be used for Twyford. Some argued that it was a term used by WBC and encourages outsiders to use facilities such as the station thus making Twyford a hub. Others argued that we

will be affected by developments such as housing outside the parish which will have an impact on the village so making us a hub. Suggestions for new terminology included a local community hub or core hub.

Report from Team 1

The team wants to ask WBC about data they hold on Twyford, for instance the number of subsidies, bus passes and surveys on rail and road. There is information on car parks but this is dated. Team 2 also require information from Wokingham such as bus connections and health services, though it was pointed out and duly noted that Berkshire Health Care were a better source of data regarding health services.

It was suggested that a mix of housing and business opportunities should be available in Twyford. As more people are working from home it may be more appropriate in the long term to think of business parks which can provide office facilities to those who work from home.

R.M. gave a report on his meeting with WBC. There is a £9,000 subsidy available for the Neighbourhood Plan but it is better to use after March 2019 otherwise we would have to use up all the money by March 2019 if we started spending the money now.

Other parishes are also working on a Neighbourhood Plan including Barkham and parts of Maidenhead. Shinfield have completed theirs.

WBC offered to comment on the draft of the plan.

Although the Local Plan is delayed we should go ahead with our plan and take into consideration that the Local Plan may reveal issues we have not considered.

Four sites were considered in Twyford but one was rejected. We can manage these sites but the proposed 3,500 dwellings in Ruscombe will have a severe impact. However other sites must be considered before Green Belt land can be used for development. There was a discussion on whether the Plan was in the public domain and it was thought to be on the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wokingham website. Steering meeting to check.

WBC are holding a meeting at Loddon Hall 10 January 2019 between 7pm – 9pm where they will present their local plan. It is important that people attend this public so that they are aware of Wokingham's future plans for the area including Twyford.

A question was asked whether we are dealing with pollutants and Team 1 are addressing this.

R.S. gave a report on his draft of the transport survey. There are five parts to consider:

1. Through traffic – there was talk of a bypass relief road, though this could lead to land within the ring road to be heavily developed and the possibility of a pedestrian area.
2. Traffic and parking – more in demand particularly in the advent of Crossrail and increased housing. Possible solutions are multi-story parking, a car park on the allotments or build a new station at Woodley or Shepherds Hill. Cycling and car share could be promoted. Cycling is rising in popularity – perhaps encourage the use of electric bikes? More cycle lanes could be promoted and walking activities.
It was argued that we should resist providing more parking as it would encourage those outside the village to use us as a hub.
3. School run traffic is increasing – B.D. is contacting schools in the area for their traffic plans.
4. Shoppers and their need for parking.
5. Other traffic.

Date of next meeting 3 December 7.30 Stanlake Meadow.