

Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

Minutes of a meeting of the Twyford Neighbourhood Plan team held at Stanlake Pavilion, Stanlake Meadow, Twyford on Monday 6th August 2018 at 7.30pm.

Councillors Present: Mr C Wickenden, Mrs B Ditcham, Mrs L Ashley & Mr R Abeywardana.

Apologies: Mr R Mantel, Mr M Bray, Mr L Ferris, Mr A Lawrence & Mr P Duffield.

Borough Councillors Present: Mr J Jarvis.

Also Present: Ms Pam Morton, Ms Barbara Smith, Ms Josie Daman, Mr Ray Sunley, Mr Charlie Ramsden, Mr David Bann, Mr Stephen Conway & Mr Stephen Walkland.

1. Welcome & Presentation

Mr C Wickenden welcomed everyone.

2. Teams

TEAM 1

Council leads – Mr C Wickenden & Mrs B Ditcham

Members – Mr R Abeywardana
Mr Ray Sunley
Mr Stephen Conway
Mr L Ferris

TEAM 2

Council leads – Mr M Bray & TBC

Members – Mr Charlie Ramsden
Ms Jocelyn Robinson
Ms Josie Daman
Ms Hilly Beavan

TEAM 3

Council leads – Mr R Mantel & Mrs L Ashley

Members – Mr David Bann
Mr Paul Duffield
Ms Pam Morton
Mrs Mary Walkland
Ms Barbara Smith
Mr Stephen Walkland
Dr Giovambattista Depietra
Mr Anthony Lawrence

3. Team Discussions

Team 1 – Action Points

- Get Policy Documents together – Cllr L Ferris & Cllr J Jarvis to assist.
- Neighbourhood Plan Survey – Have this published & delivered to every household in Twyford by the end of September.
- Mr Ray Sunley provided Mr C Wickenden with a document on transport issues – Mr C Wickenden to look over the document & bring it to the meeting in September.

Mrs B Ditcham read out the following message from Cllr L Ferris:

'Can I give my apologies for this evening. I have problems with my hearing at the moment which makes it difficult to be in meetings.

I did let Lucy know that the Govt has issued a new NPPF in mid-July. I am awaiting an overview assessment of the NPPF as to its impact on the Local Plan and on Neighbourhood Plans in particular. Once I have this overview of the NPPF I will forward. There is also changes reference the Green Belt. The important issue is how any changes impact us locally.

The Local Plan activities at WBC seem to have stalled and I have not seen any clear movement forward since May. I will know more on 9th August. The New Exec member is trying to get a handle on what to do, but little seems to be happening. The worrying concerns about housing numbers is upwards if anything. They are unsustainable. Quite a few houses (over 1150) have been built in Wokingham Borough this last year, but this includes a backlog of houses from quite a few years ago. Looking at the completed houses, some are occupied, but many are not. Social Housing is filling up as soon as it is completed, but those for sale/ part sale etc are standing there largely empty. It does vary from site to site. Also, to add an additional problem the Council lost an appeal recently which means that we do not (at the moment) have a 5-year land supply and all the problems that causes.

I am not sure how long the builders will continue building if many stay vacant. At least two developers have put their bricklayers on 3-day weeks at the moment, whilst others are unaffected.

I think we need to push the Environmental impact quite strongly. I like Butterflies and there have been a number of unusual even rare types about. I have seen in Stanlake Meadow this year, Purple Hairstreaks and White Letter Hairstreak Butterflies. Also, the first Marbled White I have seen in our area. They are quite common, but this species is now moving into our area. This shows we still have a vibrant environment here. We must find a way to protect as much as possible. Once it has gone it has gone for ever. At the bottom of Southbury Lane, I have seen a Wood White Butterfly. This is getting rare and is on the endangered list.

I have focussed on Butterflies, but there are other species that are still here, whether it is Birds, Bats, mammals or others. We need to take stock of what we have and list them. It is not just the Great Crested Newt we need to protect.

All this needs to be balanced against the need to provide housing. Here there is an urgent need for truly affordable homes. For me this should include Council Houses as well as all the various options that are currently available.'

Team 2 - Working on mapping out what Twyford has to offer for example, health & wellbeing facilities, personal grooming facilities, education facilities, restaurants & pubs etc. They have also been looking into the environmental side of things such as flooding areas & where there are groundwater nitrate issues etc.

Action Points

- Continue with mapping out amenities on software.
- Continue with mapping out environmental elements on software.
- Liaise with Mr Ray Sunley to utilise the system to map out transport facilities such as:
 - Bus Routes
 - Cycle Paths
 - Footpaths & Bridleways

Cllr John Jarvis informed the team that Wokingham will be getting Super Surgeries – allowing residents access to a local GP 24/7.

Mr Charlie Ramsden or Ms Josie Daman to send out a link to the software for the teams to look at. They will then send an official link to show local amenities & environmental elements once investigations have been completed.

Team 3 - Questionnaire has been produced. A couple of amendments needed as decided within the meeting such as – asking for at least a postcode instead of what general area people live in.

Action Points

- Mrs L Ashley to send out the final version of the questionnaire for approval.
- Mrs L Ashley to send authorised version of questionnaire to Ms Josie Daman to set up on Survey Monkey
- Mr David Bann to gain a quote from Solo Press printers in Southampton to produce the questionnaire
 - 1 questionnaire per household

Things to think about:

- How do we get replies?
 - Set up a freepost address
 - Arrange a drop off point in the village
- Do we offer an incentive to complete the questionnaire?
 - Raffle (only applicable to those who give us contact details)

Also investigate setting up:

A Facebook page

Twitter account

LinkedIn account

Need to think of a name of the group to spark interest and a # tag.

One suggestion - #Twyford'sgreat

4. Actions for the Clerk

- Email Mr John Jarvis a reminder of the links he thought would be useful.
 - National Planning Portal
 - LEP document
 - Wokingham Clinical decision group
 - WBC amendments to the 2026 policy
- Arrange a meeting between Mr C Wickenden, Mrs B Ditcham and Mr D Gray (Headteacher of The Piggott School).
- Send Liz the Twyford Parish Logo for use on the questionnaire.
- Find out if we have a Survey Monkey account & provide Ms Josie Daman with the details.

5. Twyford Village Fete

Availability to help on the Neighbourhood Plan stall:

- Mr C Wickenden
- Mr Stephen Conway
- Ms Barbara Smith
- Ms Pam Morton
- Mr Ray Sunley

No rota is being set up.

6. Next meeting

Date: Monday 3rd September 2018
Venue: Stanlake Pavilion, Stanlake Meadow, Stanlake Lane
Time: 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.50pm