

MARNHULL NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN STEERING GROUP

Meeting 10.30 Monday 17 July 2023 The Grange, Burton Street

Minutes

Present: Jules Cormack (Chair), Anna Fraser, Adrian Bailey, Steve Penson, Sally Lyster, Francesca Pratt
Apologies: Stephen Boyce,

1. Minutes of Last Meeting. Minutes of Meeting on 5 July 2023 were **approved** with the exception of including an apology for absence from Sarah Lyster.

2. Vision of Future Marnhull. JC reported on her development of a Vision for the future of the village and she agreed to circulate to all members for comment and approval.

3. Review of Marnhull Fest The general feeling was that our attendance at the Fest had gone down well and had raised the profile of the importance of the Neighbourhood Plan but the Chair made the point that in our discussions within the village we should not over-promise on its benefits and should make the point that in itself it cannot stop much of the development but can guide it to create a more acceptable change. The Chair made the point that our Plan should concentrate on the 'five hamlets' background to the village and that any plans for development outside the village Settlement boundary are treated differently to applications within it. In further discussion it was agreed that we would wish Marnhull to be treated as a separate village and not lumped together as a Tier 3 village with Stalbridge, Shaftesbury and Gillingham. Attendance by the Steering Group at the Flower Show on 22 Jul 23 was agreed and in general the same manner of dealing with the public should be followed but with the following additions:

- Greater effort to obtain names and details, particularly email addresses, of those villagers spoken to.
- We will obtain details of road accident 'near-misses' and similar occurrences to reinforce views on road traffic control.
- Effort should be made to correct the perspective of the Tess Square postcards in circulation that this was not a Parish Council initiative, and the suggestion boxes were for the benefit of the Developers and not the village. Anyone who has views on the potential project should also inform the PC.
- Villagers should be reminded that a 'no reply' or no attempt to write to the Dorset Council, is taken as being support to any project.
- SP **agreed** to produce two posters to sit astride the bar at the Flower Shown to encourage visiting the PC Tent so that 'You can have your say'.
- JC **agreed** to obtain a laminated A2 size version of the village map used at the Fest so that individuals could be encouraged to note on the map particular green or scenic sites important to the village.

4. Important Tasks at Hand. Gathering information on Green spaces, views and 'near-miss accidents' As well as getting as many email addresses as possible for the future.

5. Headings The draft list of Key Topics/Policies was considered with very little amendment and individuals allotted to lead on each subject:

- Heritage and History AB
- Landscape & Green Spaces AF
- Housing FP
- Village Amenities SP
- Traffic & Transport JC (Footpaths JC)
- Sustainability SL

It was **agreed** that the policy of '20 is Plenty' speed control should not be pursued at this time. It was **agreed** the sub-topic of Loss of Farming Land should be included within Sustainability.

6. Communications The Chair stressed the importance of communicating with everyone and although email addresses as points of contact was the most efficient and helped in proper analysis, every effort must be taken to include those individuals and obtain those views who are not 'internet oriented'. This subject would be continued at a later date in conjunction with the Questionnaire.

7. Questions/Questionnaire The Chair explained with SP's help the plans for the Questionnaire which would be in two parts; the first aimed at businesses, clubs, landowners and the second at households in the village. General support was given to the first draft of questions with no changes. SP **agreed** to review the draft questionnaire after our findings from the Flower Show.

8. Groups/Business Timeline The Chair updated the meeting on the replies apportioning responsibilities by individuals to each business and club. The list was updated and JC **agreed** to circulate her up to date list. It will be necessary to do a 'call for sites' It was **agreed** that nothing further would be done until after the DC list is closed on 31 July 23.

9. Recruit Volunteers for Survey Distribution The methods of distributing the questionnaires and pursuing the answers was discussed but without any formal agreement. Survey Monkey was suggested as a great way to collate a large information from the village.

10. Project Coordinator SB's offer to be the project co-ordinator was accepted.

11. Contractor Advice JC brought to everyone's attention the various advice notes and papers circulated by our Contract adviser as they were useful in our dealings within the village.

12. AOB JC agreed to speak with MPC and see if they could put some information out there that would let villagers know that PC meant Paul Crocker, not Parish Council. And that all suggestions going into the suggestion/comment box at the PO, along with the video link in the card, would be going to the developers and not MPC.

12. Dates of Future Meetings The dates and venues of future meetings were discussed and JC **agreed** to circulate an up to date list. The next meeting is to be on Tuesday 15 August 19.00 at Meadow Cottage (Jo Witherden to attend). It was **agreed** that we should accept Ros Eveleigh's offer to talk to us of her past experience on VP and she was to be invited by FP to join the September meeting.