

Gerrards Cross Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Minutes of meeting held on Friday 19th May 2017

Present: Paul Selfridge (Chair), Diane Holden (Sec), Peter Chapman (Treasurer), Rosemary Jane Chambers, Hellen Orme, Rebecca Selfridge, Nick Moss, Karen Hill, Bran O'Regan, Heather O'Regan

Apologies: Jeff Edington, Alistair Cumming, Julia Cumming, Sue Woollacott, Vasso Tsatsami, Norman Holmes

Minutes and Matters Arising : none

Pre:reading: Group members were asked to look at the Vision and Objective sections of local plans in Shifnall, Bentworth, Buckingham, Birpham and Chalfont St Peter and at a Straw Man V & O for GX put together by Paul.

<p>Chairman's Remarks: Paul and Jeff will share chairing meetings but Jeff will be the main point of contact to save duplication. Diane is the contact for admin items. There was nothing financial to discuss.</p>	
<p>Vision: The Straw Man Vision was used as a basis for discussion. Agreed that Paul would add that it was a growing community, the number of new properties from the local plan, take out at least one of the 'preserve's and add the 5 points of the sustainable community strategy from the parish plan</p>	Action: Paul
<p>Town: For clarification this meant town centre. Add that it should be a place where people want to spend time, social and commercial, daytime and evening. A bench/something on the bridge would help but Helen said this is National Rail property and has restrictions – what does this mean?</p>	Action: Paul Diane
<p>Open Spaces, Conservation and Heritage: Heritage was added. Suggested we could designate and protect the green spaces at the entrances to GX.</p>	Action: Paul
<p>Residential Housing Development Standards: Include matching development to community needs eg 2 beds not 5 beds. It might be possible to find out current profile of housing stock from SBDC council tax bands. Add that new builds should be environmentally friendly/energy efficient.</p>	Action: Diane
<p>Leisure, Community and Health: Add - make more use of the Common, more community events to draw diverse sections together, make safe environment for all, surgery needed in GX</p>	Action: Paul
<p>Shops and Businesses Encourage the revival of the Traders' Association Possibility of a regular outdoor market in the town</p>	
<p>General Infrastructure. Delete reference to water and sewerage. Add cycle paths and safe walking routes plus enough state school places for all local children.</p>	Action: Paul

<p>Environment Oppose any erosion of green belt in and around GX. Stipulate new trees to be planted when old ones are removed.</p> <hr/> <p>Aspirations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can we get notable architects for new developments to add to heritage for future? - Environmentally friendly development - Keep our pharmacies - Greater use of Memorial Centre for all demographics - A proper pub - Better range of medical facilities - Use of memorial centre as a medical hub. 	<p>Action: Paul</p>
<p>Logo: Jeff had plans to talk to the Head teacher at GX C of E Combined School about a competition for the children to design a logo. The Town Council had previously tried to engage the school with something similar but it was hard to get the school involved, took a long time and the end result may not be what is wanted. A logo was needed quickly. It was agreed Hellen would work on a logo with everyone sending ideas.</p>	<p>Action: Hellen All</p>
<p>Website and Social Media: Nick's contact was unable to help. Jeff has someone who might do this. We would need a shared area for documents. Hopefully this person could also do social media.</p>	<p>Action: Jeff</p>
<p>Meeting Dates: All Fridays at 7pm 16th June 21st July 18th August 15th September 20th October 30th November 15th December</p>	<p>Action: Diane</p>
<p>Any Other Business There is a Summer Festival in GX on Wed 7th June from 5.30pm. Diane had contacted the organisers and we could have a table in Station Rd. It would be a good opportunity to introduce the idea of the Neighbourhood Plan to the public. It was agreed we should do this. Nick, Brian, Heather and Karen offered to help.</p>	<p>Action: Diane</p>

Meeting ended 8.30pm.