

PUTTENHAM PARISH COUNCIL
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP PUBLIC MEETING
FRIDAY 11TH MAY 2018 7.00pm-8.00pm

Present: Approx 30 members of the public, Steering Group (John Green, Sally McIlroy, David Binns, Ian Creswell, Guy Thompson, Verity Cassar) Wendy Hazzard (Clerk), James Garside (Consultant) and Tony Rooth (GBC Councillor)

The meeting opened with members of the public asking general questions of the steering group – feedback at the next steering group meeting.

James Garside addressed the floor and explained what a neighbourhood plan is and the process to go through for it to be adopted.

Q and A session followed.

1. The camping barn committee would like the remainder of the barns to be used, however concerned about how it would happen and what impact it will have on the camping barn.

There will be restrictions as it is a listed building. GBC would need to see proposals. Currently no plans have been drawn up.

Tony Rooth responded that it would be useful for the community if both parts of the barn were used, however it won't be easy due to the constraints. The NP will help as it will carry more weight.

2. Unable to see that Puttenham Parish Council have made an objection to the Hogs Back Development.

John Green replied that the parish council have responded.

3. Have the steering group clarified what and if housing is needed?

John Green replied that they would be low cost rental for Puttenham people and will be managed by Puttenham and Wanborough Housing Society

There had been covenants put on the social housing in Compton but these were overturned and people had the 'right to buy'. Can we guarantee that this would not happen?

John Hewitson (Chairman of P & W Housing Society) clarified that recently 2 properties had become available and there had been several applications so there is a definite need. The housing society are currently working in partnership with Greenoak Housing Association and if new homes are built the P & W Housing Society have the resources to get involved and there would not be the choice of 'right to buy'.

Tony Rooth also responded that he has always been against the 'right to buy'.

John Green agreed with the above.

4. Are any other sites being considered?

David Binns replied that there are other options. All however have their pros and cons. They will be included in the plan and the final decision would be down to GBC.

What about the barn in Hook Lane?

John Green has approached the owner but currently not interested as wants to build on the land himself. Has previously had planning application rejected.

5. Off street parking

Sally McIlroy responded that the only current option would be to have a car park in the bonfire field which would be for 30 cars including disabled parking/electric charging points.

The plan would also include encouraging residents who have deliveries to mention when ordering to have smaller vehicles deliver their goods.

A positive response had been received from Surrey Highways in regard to the transport and parking report.

Thank you to all who have worked on the plan.

6. What happens after the referendum?

James Garside responded that as it would be adopted until 2033 there would be scope for it to be reviewed and updated. The parish council have to ensure it is deliverable. If national policy changes then that would be the time for it to be reviewed. It is easier to progress if more sites are already in the plan.

7. What is the timetable?

September/October – First consultation

November/December – 6 week consultation. GBC use independent examiner

Spring 2019 – Local referendum

Spring/Summer 2019 – Adopted

Tony Rooth ended the session by endorsing his support for the parish as he recognises the need.

The chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Date of next committee meeting Wednesday 23rd May 7.30pm