

Minutes of the A, S & S NP Delivery Group Committee

12 January 2015

Present: Keith Cameron, Patrick Griffin, Diana Tombs, Jeff Bygrave, Charles Appleby, Kevin McGann, Eric Nicoli, Alan Ince

Apologies: Margaret Morgan

Meetings updates

We met with both S&A PC and SPC in early December and updated them on our activities and plans. Both meetings went well.

We met with Cllr Geoffrey Hill (Lead for Highways/Transport) and two members of the Highways team last week. There was complete lack of awareness among Highways that NP policies had been adopted and were now part of Development Plan. We have now sent them extracts of the NP with the policies that relate to Transport. We also had a useful discussion about Transport Projects and other issues.

We met with Cllr Derek Wilson (Lead for Planning), Cllr Bateson, Chris Hilton and Suki Coe. A useful productive meeting.

Planning applications and appeals

We continue to face a large influx of planning applications and appeals, which represent a huge workload to process and respond to. A discussion took place about how best to manage this in the future and various ideas arose which are to be explored further.

Fundraising

A lengthy discussion took place about the need to raise funds:

- Corporate sponsors (as long they don't compromise us). KC will collate a list of corporate potentials and circulate a draft "proposal" to put to them. He'll circulate for comments - (EN and KM will also contribute)
- We should also seek funding directly from local residents. DT to draft an email/website posting (JB has info on how we can offer online donations). EN suggested asking people to "pledge" an amount

Strategic Site update

Not much new to report since last meeting. PG/MM will continue to progress discussions as appropriate.

Transport Project updates

Better Transport Project broken now into 4 strands: Traffic, Parking, Cycle routes and Footpaths.

First three all making good progress. New person to lead Footpaths is being recruited.

The team feel there is little point in an open meeting in the near future and it would soak up resource so it was agreed to postpone this for the time being.

Hopper Bus now integrated into various other sharing schemes. Still ideally want to run a Survey Monkey when funds permit.

It was noted that budgets on Transport projects for next year will soon be under discussion at RBWM. We should put our case for anything we would like included! KC to lead in preparing draft – ASAP please!)

Email sends

Emails sent out since our last meeting:

- 19/11/14 Ascot Heath School
- 21/11/14 A “wrap-up” email re Heathrow flights, pointing people in the right direction if they wish to remain informed on what is going on
- 28/11/14 Sunningdale Park consultation (paid for by Cabinet Office)
- 30/11/14 Information on car lifts etc
- 3/12/14 Oakfield Farm consultation
- 31/12/14 Fountain on Heatherwood roundabout

Future emails will include:

- General update and fund-raising plea (once all agreed)
- Any other consultations that come in

Dates of future committee meetings

The next meeting will take place on Monday 9th February at 7pm at Diana’s. She apologised for lack of refreshments this time but promises a glass of wine on the 9th!

AOBs

We’re opposing the proposal for a fountain on Heatherwood roundabout. Planning decision on this was deferred at RDC panel on 7th January for two cycles. We have written to RBWM to express willingness to engage in any consultation.

Our website needs some updating. Jayne McGann has said she’ll help. DT to contact her.

We plan to draft and consult on guidelines for determining characteristics of our two main TA types – Villas in a Woodland Setting and Leafy Residential Suburbs. To ultimately contribute to how planning applications are considered to comply with our policies. Action DT.