

Ringmore Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 26 February 2019, 7.00pm, WI Hall.

1. Apologies:

David Milne Smith

2. Matters arising from minutes

a. Challaborough update:

Care needs to be taken with negative statements: RB reminder that RNPSG is not allowed to be negative about all development; need at the same time to be clear that, for instance, any further development to the caravan parks will not be approved under any circumstances.

Format of NP document to take the following pattern:

Objective >Evidence and Justification for objective >Statement of policy >Explanation of policy if needed.

MC: Parkdean as a local business must be supported, but without agreeing to increased caravans or year round tenure. Enhancement not expansion.

MF to produce draft document in above format.

b. Housing and Development update:

MC: list of local houses needed: electoral register?

RB: Ringmore Historical Society has list of most Ringmore but not necessarily all Challaborough houses. RB to email all committee, who will add any other houses they know of which are not on the list.

MC to write discussion paper – to be descriptive rather than historical, but still based on format of 2a above.

c. Village meeting on activities:

Need to give residents the opportunity to be involved in/organise activities that they would like to see in the village.

MC will organise: JW will book WI hall, MWP will produce publicity including poster. All committee to invite local people.

TBA early April : April 9 (?) at 7.00pm

d. CLT progress:

JW to report outcome of meeting on Friday March 1.

Points raised: is leaseholding to be allowed; what about right to buy?

Proposal to hold meeting for those interested in self building, with expert information offered. MWP: will this cause conflict with possible restraints on the numbers of new houses?

Stoke Gabriel's professional approach noted.

Advantages of self building: those involved bring a sense of responsibility and commitment.

3. Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan

General agreement that the plan has been produced with a great deal of care and attention to detail. RNPSG need to ask themselves whether they need a shorter plan, whether it is necessary to repeat terms of legislation which can be found in other documents, and whether it might be better to have a different format. Discussion also on the need for a careful choice of photographs. Is every item that is proposed for the local plan helpful?

4. Heritage Assets.

Local listed buildings not an issue for RNPSG, since they have their own regulations. Should we list as heritage assets homes, monuments etc. which are old/interesting but not listed buildings? If this is done, any such 'heritage assets' will have to be taken into consideration when new homes are built, since they add to the character of the village/parish. All agreed this should be done.

5. Employment and Business.

General agreement that local employment opportunities have shrunk; farming, for instance, is now involving far fewer people. However tourism is now expanding, and a diverse number of trades now operate in the area.

Noted that faster broadband is still being developed, and that mobile phone signals still need expanding.

Objectives: support businesses working from home, continue to update communications, and consider providing childcare.

DV to produce ½ page report on format outlined in 2a. Other plans to be consulted.

6. Landscapes & views, open spaces & environment.

Strong views stated in survey; biodiversity to be considered.

Consideration to be given to open spaces – town well and bowling green.; heritage coast, footpaths and anything of visual importance.

DMS to be asked to produce draft policy – again other NPs will be helpful.

7. New budget and grant applications.

Need to re-apply since present budget year expires on 31/03.

Agreed that new budget should contain application for funds to cover a mentor. Any other possible charges must be listed.

8. AOB:

To put update in Newsletter.

Plea from RB for all to attend all meetings.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday March 13.