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MINUTES

Lambourn Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group Meeting on Tuesday 5th December 2023 in the JCE Boardroom at 10am

Apologies: Helen Noll; Bruce Laurie; Peter Penfold; Mike Billinge-Jones

63: MINUTES OF MEETING on 13th November 2023 were agreed and signed.

64: FINANCE: The Chair of LPC, Vicky Rieunier, explained the reasons for the apparent limiting of funding for the LNDP. It was agreed that there should be enough money remaining from previous funding and a potential future Locality grant to cover the current estimated costs, without precepting for further money in 2024-2025. Should there be a shortfall e.g. due to additional work needing to be done, then the Parish Council would be asked to cover this from the General Reserve. VR said there was the money to finish the project.

It was agreed that the money in the separate LNDP account would be transferred to LPC. This, plus the £9,000 precepted for the current year (£11,960.52) would be earmarked reserves for the LNDP, and the LNDP budget would be integrated with the Parish Council's accounting system.

The SG agreed that the LNDP would not receive an allocation this year against assurances that should we need additional monies we can draw off reserves- they are not earmarked reserves. Concern was expressed that there might be many calls on this limited pot of money.

The SG will ensure that any additional costs are flagged up early to ensure the Plan can be completed.

VR apologised for the previous lack of financial support and assured the SG that the LNDP would now receive the support of the RFO, including quarterly VAT returns. *Post-meeting: email from VR confirming the above, attached.*

It was further agreed that Finance was to be a fixed Agenda item.

65: REPORT back on the Inception Call with AECOM, 29.11.2023. This was a useful meeting with Rosie Cox, Senior Environmental Planner, Impact Assessment Environment and Sustainability, and Olivia Marter, Graduate Environmental Planner. The scoping report was discussed, identifying the key

opportunities and issues, and the framework for the final Environment Report. The Chair has sent various documents to AECOM (including information about the housing sites put forward, the Landscape Assessment and a copy of the Draft Plan). AECOM will ask for other evidence, as needed. The scoping report should be available in the next few days.

66: LOCAL GREEN SPACES: To share out the sites under consideration, for SG members to enter on individual templates. The SG members present identified and agreed with their allocations of LGS sites. (See list appended to these Minutes).

Although the list is of sites previously identified as suitable by the SG, it was agreed that sites might, given greater scrutiny, be deemed unsuitable for designation and this was an acceptable outcome, particularly as evidence that we have considered alternative sites will also be needed. SG members' conclusions may also differ from those expressed by PK in his table assessing the sites, based on local knowledge. Attention was drawn to the Designation Tree and the questions about distance from the community, value to the community and size of site (*"an extensive tract of land" is taken by WBC to mean over 19 hectares*). HW asked about consistency amongst those completing site assessments. This should be achieved by following the Template as it applies to individual sites and each member entering the results for their sites on the table (*Separate copy attached*) The Template is a Word document, so findings can be entered and saved under the reference number of the site. It was agreed that the work on the individual sites would be completed by **January 15th**, and sent to the Chair for distribution prior to the next SG meeting.

67: TO DISCUSS: Latest version of the Foreword. Further amendments were suggested:

References to AONB to be altered to "National Landscape" in line with recent changes.

The section on "The organisation behind the Plan" to be moved, to follow "the basis of the local economy", Section 1.1

Bullet points in Section 1.1 to be re-ordered as follows:

- Protecting open spaces and vistas.
- Taking a design led approach to ensure that future development enhances character and distinctiveness of the Parish.
- Supporting sensitive economic growth.
- Avoiding loss of local services and supporting sustainable transport.
- Prioritising the building of affordable housing to meet local needs.
- Encouraging small scale, landscape-friendly job creation, in keeping with the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty's (AONB) Policy Framework.
- Re-use of current buildings and infilling rather than greenfield development.
- Sharing innovative practice from the local landowners to encourage diversification and sustainable practice.

- We will encourage/facilitate the development of Masterplans for both Industry and Racing Development within the Parish.
- To ensure that the Critical Infrastructure is sufficient to accommodate further development.

Village Views to be added to local communication networks

Numbering of the sections to be re-organised.

Overall, it was felt the Foreword is too long and parts could be moved to the relevant sections/policies within the Plan. BJ and SC to work on this.

68: ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: Follow-up from AECOM on SEA and HNA;
Local Green Spaces feedback; review Foreword; Finance

69: DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TBC: 2pm, Monday January 22nd

Meeting closed at 11.45am

LGS Assessment Allocation		
SG member	Site ref	Address
Sue	LG21+LG27	Lynch Wood +Woodland along Honey Hill/Goose Green/Northfields
Sue	LG39	Old Cricket Field
Bridget	LG2 +LG28	Junction Triangle at Newbury Rd/Bockhampton Rd + Verges at Woodbury
Bridget	LG3	Woodlands St Marys Churchyard
Bridget	LG35	Cricket Field at Woodlands St Mary
Mike	LG7	Open space at Many Clouds corner
Mike	LG22	Junction Triangle at Crowle Rd/Baydon Rd
Mike	LG33	Sports Ground at Bockhampton Rd
Bruce	LG8	Recreation ground at Mill Ln
Bruce	LG12 +LG24	Planted area at Close End + Open spaces at corner of Close End and Edward's Hill
Bruce	LG17	Open spaces at the entrance of the Primary School, Edward's Hill
Bruce	LG32	Open space at Francomes Field
Peter	LG5 + LG36	Junction Triangle at Broadway/Goose Green + Open space opposite Goose Green
Peter	LG6	Verges around the Granthams
Peter	LG13+LG15+LG20	Verges at: Northfields/Wantage Rd + Sheepdrove Rd + Community Orchard North Farm Close
Peter	LG26	Open space at Honey Hill
Will	LG4	Open space along Fulke Walwyn Way
Will	LG30	Paddock adjacent to Collingridge Farm
Will	LG41	The Park open space

Howard	LG11	Eastbury Furze Playing Field
Howard	LG31	Verge close to River Lambournat Eastbury
Howard	LG42	Bockhampton river