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MINUTES

Lambourn Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group Meeting on Monday 22nd January 2024 in the **JCE Boardroom** at **2pm**

Present: Sue Cocker; Bridget Jones; Will Riggall; Howard Woollaston

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

70: MINUTES OF MEETING on 5th December 2023 were signed and actions confirmed/updated. The SEA Scoping Report is now with consultees (*Copy of Historic England response attached*). The NARS/LPC Housing Survey is underway and (as of 22.01.24) 23 surveys have been completed. SC's enquiry to RBL Property Team about future of their Lambourn site received the following response. It was agreed to take up the offer of discussion. SC to arrange.

Dear Sue,

Your enquiry regarding this site has been passed to myself as Regional Property Manager for the area.

Briefly, the Club became unviable due to lack of members and the high cost of necessary repairs.

The RBL own the Freehold interest in the site and we therefore took a surrender of the Clubs lease and are proposing to shortly offer the site to the open market for sale.

I would anticipate demand from residential developers along with others and would be keen to see the site put forward for a housing allocation in the emerging NDP..

Happy to discuss if you feel this would be useful.

Phil Bradbury

Regional Property Manager East and East Midlands

71: SEA: To consider SB's comments on the Scoping Report. SB thought the Report was much as expected. The SG went through her comments to clarify them. WR suggested paragraph 7.6 needed further clarification, "The horse racing industry is under pressure to move stables....." to explain pressures from traffic and housing on the industry.

This item was deferred to the next SG meeting, at which the Project Plan will be discussed.

72: FINANCE: Locality has awarded a grant of £5,297.00 to be spent by 31st March. SB has said she can submit invoices for work done under the headings *Advice and Meetings* and *Review of Pre-Submission Draft*. BJ expressed concern that no member of the SG is a signatory on the LPC bank account, into which the Locality grant will be paid. BJ also reminded the SG that when the

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LNDP accounts were transferred to LPC it was agreed that regular finance meetings would take place. This needs to be actioned.

73: LOCAL GREEN SPACES: Assessment of sites and next steps. The SG went through the sites on the list. LG-2 and LG-28 had been omitted, but have now been added. SC will collate and distribute the rest of the sites when she receives them. Maps of the sites are on Parish Online*, but are not all accurate, particularly the Old Cricket Field and Lynch Wood sites. (LG-39; LG-21; LG-27) SC to contact PK to correct.

SB had reported that the Government wants to streamline NDPs and as part of this less evidence will be required at the Pre-Submission stage, at which summaries of evidence will be permitted. (Detailed evidence will still be required with the Submission document) We could therefore make clear at the Reg.14 consultation that these LGS sites are suggestions and are open to further input from the community. The subsequent feedback would be included in the Submission.

BL has suggested that the school site (LG-17) should be removed it was covered by the Settlement Characteristics (open area; part of street scene). Further to this, there was advice that LGS designation of school land might be rejected as it limited the ability of the school to expand/develop in response to community needs.

Verges might be similarly restricted, if Highways need to make changes to road layouts. It was agreed to leave verges in the list of sites and await WBC's comments.

WR expressed concern about the Collingridge site (LG-30), which has no public access currently. Given the SG's aim to make the riverside more accessible, this was a challenge. It was agreed to leave the site in and wait for community views.

All landowners (and tenants) need to be contacted to inform them that their land is under consideration for LGS designation. The SG agreed that, where appropriate, personal approaches could be made to the landowner, prior to the formal contact. SC would prepare a letter, based on examples from other NDPs, for the SG's comments.

More detailed justifications for including/excluding each site will need to be prepared before the next meeting.

74: TO DISCUSS: Latest version of the Foreword: Deferred to next meeting

75: ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: Project Plan and timetable; Foreword

76: DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Provisionally arranged for 26th February 2024.

Meeting closed at 3.30pm.

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