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MINUTES

Lambourn Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group Meeting on Monday 26th February 2024 in the **JCE Boardroom** at **2pm**

Apologies: Bruce Laurie; Mike Billinge-Jones;

Present: Sue Cocker (Chair); Bridget Jones; Peter Penfold; Will Riggall; Howard Woollaston; Sharon de Bru (Bluestone Planning); Erin Scarsbrook (Bluestone Planning)

- 77: MINUTES OF MEETING** on 22nd January 2024 were signed and actions confirmed/updated. The Chair noted that the Hungerford NP's Pre-Submission (Reg. 14) is out for consultation. The **Housing Survey** of Racing Staff has received 172 responses from 15 yards. The results will be sent to AECOM for incorporation in the LNDP HNA. Rosie Cox has chivvied the EA and NE to respond to the SEA consultation. NE has responded and the EA has now acknowledged receipt of the request. Meeting with Phil Bradbury from the RBL confirmed for 3pm Monday March 4th.
- 78: TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE** the Project Plan and timetable: Work remaining to be done was reviewed:
Local Green Space: See item 80
Non-designated heritage assets: Use the **Heritage template** to record findings. Ask the community via Facebook/website/other media/ mailing list for suggestions. **SC to organise.**
River study: Gather evidence of current flooding via Facebook/website/other media/ mailing list. **ALL.** Map flooding on Parish Online. Contact James Potter and Andrew Garton for local information to complete River Study. **SC to organise**
Character Appraisal: } **Bluestone has in hand**
Design Codes: }
Landscape Assessment: Done
Community facilities assessment: **SC to complete**
Trees and Hedgerows: Audit what already designated/ listed/ TPO'd. Gather evidence from public of trees/hedgerows that are special/of note/contribute to street scene. Map on Parish Online.

Traffic and parking: Collate what already gathered from previous consultations and recent WBC consultation on parking fees. **SC.** List areas where parking is a problem: **ALL.**

Finalise site allocations: Awaiting outcome of SEA. Meeting to be arranged with Rosie Cox. See Item 81. Windsor House, RBL site and Collingridge paddock should all be considered, despite WBC policy. Community consultation shows small-scale, phased and screened developments are acceptable. Public concerns about flooding, the state of the sewers and Nutrient Neutrality dominate conversations about development. Whilst acknowledging these concerns, to make progress on the Plan the LNDP has to look “Beyond Pollution”, i.e. what does the community want once these concerns are mitigated?

It was agreed to aim for **Pre-Submission in June**, which should enable Submission of the LNDP to West Berkshire in August.

SB commented that NDPs are expected to be much shorter, with additional material appearing in the Appendix, rather than in the main body of the document.

ES had been in touch with Lambourn Primary School and had attended a School Council meeting, at which representatives from years 1 - 6 discussed their concerns about various issues in the community. (Minutes of School Council meeting at the end of this document). This is useful evidence on a range of topics which can be added to the evidence base.

- 79: TO DISCUSS** proposal to revise the Foreword: To have a shortened introductory Foreword, giving the background to the Plan, with the original commentaries on each theme of the Plan being added to the relevant sections, where they will have more impact.

It was agreed to use the introductory Foreword as proposed, and the commentaries on each theme to be either added to the relevant section, or form part of the Appendix.

- 80: LOCAL GREEN SPACES:** An update on work done so far and to organise detailed assessments of each site, including explanations for why sites were rejected.

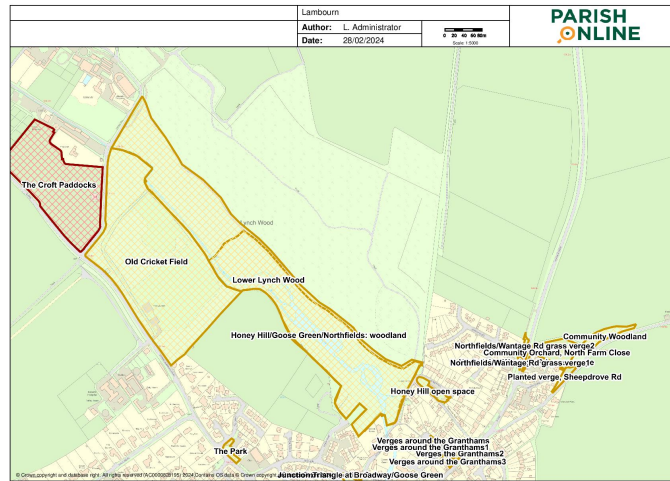
SB advised that, at the moment, further detailed work was not needed, although the SG would have to complete this. (*Should we inform landowners at this point? The letter is ready, waiting for sites to be mapped.*)

PP offered to assess the Sports Club, Many Clouds and Crowle Road/Baydon Road triangle sites.

It was agreed to group the road islands together.

The Lynch Wood site is large and is already part of the Lynch Wood LCA. It was agreed that a Woodland Policy would be written, covering Lynch Wood and other woodland which does not meet the criteria for LGS. Site LG-27 (Woodland along Honey Hill, Goose Green, Northfields) has been adjusted to form Lower Lynch Wood, focused on the course of the river between the Old Cricket Field and the lower track through Lynch Wood. (See map, below) SB

to show SC how to map sites on Parish



Online.

81: RESPONSE to email from Rosie Cox re: SEA.

It was decided that further input from AECOM on their view of the sites was needed, before our assessment could progress. Also further clarification of what RC needed from the SG. A Zoom meeting is being arranged for the week beginning 4th March.

There followed a discussion on policy relating to taking racing yards out of racing for housing development, and what could be done in the LNDP to set criteria specific to Lambourn to ensure appropriate protection/reuse of affected yards.

82: ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

83: DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 25th March, 2pm, JCE Boardroom.

Meeting closed at 4.15pm.

Lambourn CofE Primary School

'Let Your Light Shine'
Love, Integrity, Grit, Hope & Trust

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵
Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its
stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light
shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in
heaven.”

Matthew 5:14 – 16

School Council Meeting: 22.02.24

Present: School council representatives from Year 1 – Year 6

Lambourn Community:

- Children would like a rural/green boundary around the school which protects building from taking place.
- Adequate pavements around the school and village (in particular Greenways) and other areas children may walk to and from school. Often there are no pavements, or they are very narrow. Children would feel safer if improved.
- Designated cycle/horse lanes for those that use bikes/horses.
- General feel that speeding vehicles is a problem and can be dangerous. Lowering the speed limit could be beneficial/signage to slow down (digital speed signs that show vehicles speed). Traffic calming measures - road humps, footway build-outs, chicanes, priority junctions and central islands. There are areas used by school children frequently - crossing by Family Mart, Hight Street and Church which could benefit from a pedestrian crossing.
- Raw sewage and flooding an issue - permanent traffic calming to avoid cars splashing pedestrians including children. Concern about existing infrastructure of sewers if housing is increased by a large development in the village.
- Concern about a general increase in housing - conservation of habitats and wildlife protection. Additional housing could be found on existing sites and huge developments to be limited.
- Transport links to and from the village are extremely poor, 1 bus every 2 hours to Newbury, no evening service. Additional transport options to Swindon, Faringdon, Hungerford and Wantage to support community with retail opportunities and access to NHS services, council services etc...
- Recycling banks - for bottles, plastics and aluminium.