

Notes of a Meeting held by Zoom on Tuesday 23rd February 2021

Sutton Benger Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

Attending: Nicola Hayward, Ruth Gaunt, David Thomson, Martin Verspeak, Peter Oldale, Mike Hogben, Phil Llewellyn: Apologies:- Neil Roynon

Minutes

We looked at and approved the minutes of the meeting on 9th February 2021.

Rural Current Consultation Event held by Wiltshire Council (WC)

WC is running a consultation to inform the preparation of their Local Plan, with the draft plan due to be completed towards the end of 2021. The topics covered include:

- 'Emerging Spatial Strategy' paper - How growth (additional new homes and employment land) is distributed
- 'Empowering Rural Communities' - Improving the framework for rural communities to meet housing needs
- 'Addressing Climate Change and Biodiversity'

The Empowering Local Communities paper looks at Large Villages (see comments below) and for Sutton Benger they have indicated a need for a Baseline indicative housing requirement 2016-2036 of 55: and a series of Completions (2016-19) & Commitments (1 April 2019) that amount to 52. So, it seems they are only suggesting 3 new houses up to 2036.

David was asked to compile any thoughts and comments from the Group and we would look at these at our next meeting before submitting them on the same day.

Green Space Consultation

Our Green Space work is now out to consultation from 20th February 2021 with a closing date of 7th March 2021. Posters are out, with **Nicola** taking photos as part of our evidence. The paper is also on our website <http://bigplan.suttonbengerparishcouncil.gov.uk/uncategorized/green-space-consultation/> and Facebook page.

Communications

The website has been reviewed, and **Martin** has uploaded the Green Spaces Consultation as indicated above. He is working on how to produce metrics to show usage and is looking at other issues, such as the drawdown from Facebook and the format for more news items.

With some more specialist advice and assistance (graphic design – artwork etc) he would seek to make the site more attractive to increase its use within the community.

Review and update of NDP

Nicola has finished the skeleton, no mean achievement we all agreed, except for the Policies section. More information may be available for other nearby LDPs, and it may be possible to adapt these with some re-writing.

We would also need to look through the skeleton and link it back into the evidence and data points.

Housing Analysis

Some analysis has been done by **Phill**, but he was having some difficulty in being definitive about the figures (not least because some 30 Planning Applications could not be downloaded from the WC website. However, if the figures from the WC Consultation are to be believed, perhaps new housing development is not such a big issue locally after all. (A WC understood demand of 3 houses between now and 2036).

Surveys and Analysis

Nicola has been looking through the collections of survey data and analysis and there is plenty of work that could be done to try and make the results fit the framework as anticipated. They were not themed and were based largely around qualitative issues and responses, rather than quantitative evidence-based data. **Mike** would also have a look through to concentrate on the closing comments and to see if we have any gaps in our evidence base.

Nicola might (time permitting) look at a skeleton for the points of summary, and a link back in to various data points. We will also need to consider such matters as Climate Change and Biodiversity; Health and Well Being; Environment and Transport, if they are relevant to the way we see the future of development in and around Sutton Benger.

Designation as a Large Village

Following the resolution of queries regarding the Housing Numbers (see earlier discussion), together with the local employment numbers, it now seems unlikely that this designation will be changed by WC. But we should not drop the concern that the expression implies something unacceptable about the settlement of Sutton Benger, as opposed to broad based analysis of the whole parish, which varies in its characteristics across the geographical area.

Next Meeting

This meeting ended at 7.10pm and we agreed to reconvene again on Tuesday 9th March at 6pm.

David Thomson
2nd March 2021

(Note:- Where your name has been **emboldened**, it implies there is an action for you)