

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

Sutton Benger Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

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

Minutes

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

Green Spaces

The Group was reminded that the main purpose of this evening's meeting was to consider the consultation responses, together with Members' view on proposals for Green Spaces.

Using the schedule that Peter had prepared, together with notes from some of the group, we looked at each individual proposal and decided whether to support it and take it forward, or to reject it and set it aside for now.

Ref	Site Name & address	Description & purpose	Proceed	Comment
1	Allotments	Gardens available to rent for local residents	Yes	
2	Rec and pitches	Recreational area 'given' to the villageIncludes a playground, cricket pitch and all weather nets, a football and rugby pitch. Used for dog walking and several village events (Benger Blaze, Beer and Sausage Festival)	Yes	
3	Model plane airfield	Grass runway and storage container used by the North Wiltshire Model Aircraft Club	No	Not approved by the NDP team but will research possibilities to formalise permissive footpath (Sutton Lane to model plane field and then on the bridleway near weir)
4	Back of Park along brook	Scrubland area	Yes	
5	Play area and 2 greens in Park	2 recreational green areas in the Park as well as a Play area	Yes	

6	Big Field	A large field to the south of the Rec providing formal and informal Pedestrian Rights of Way	Yes	But could be discussed. Seek PC view
7	Sutton lane Meadows	National Trust Meadows (SSSI) particularly for rare plants, birds and insects	No	Already SSSI
8	Fishing Pegs River Avon	Fishing facilities for two local angling clubs on the banks of the River Avon within the parish	No	Not approved by the NDP team but will research possibilities to formalise footpath on Sutton Benger side of Avon from bridleway near weir to B4069
9	Woodlands/hedgerows	Key woodlands and hedgerows which link the village to Green Open Spaces	No	Too general
10	All riverbank and lakes	Key riverbanks and lake which link the village to Green Open Spaces	No	Too general
11	Motorbike area off Seagry Road	Rough land to the north of the village, formerly a pit and now disused, used by Motorbike Club	No	
12	Church Piece Field	A 0.5 acre field. Part belonging to the Church of England Diocese and the other part to the Sutton Benger Church Piece Charity	Yes	
13	Chat areas, Neville Terrace and Cowley Way	Part green areas and paved areas with some seating providing informal outdoor meeting areas	Yes	
14	The Bell Pub	Grass area to the east of the Bell Hotel	Yes	

The Group thanked Peter for this piece of work. The next step, after taking the Big Field to the Parish Council to seek their views would be to prepare an agreed draft letter to stakeholders and landowners to seek their views. A draft letter to landowners/stakeholders was briefly looked at. **Nicola** will check it ready for presentation to the Parish Council on April 14th. **Nicola** would set out what a Green Space is; and **Peter** would describe and map the detailed locations. If landowners reject the proposals, we will need to take the responses back to the Parish Council.

Meeting with Bluestone

We agreed the next meeting would be attended by Bluestone and we would talk through the next steps and what they could do for us under their existing contract. They would also be asked about the timelines for these items of work.

Communications

The Vision and Objectives had been revisited and (in parts) reworked. We would need to consult with the village on the change of approach, and we would need to give some thought as to how we would do this and show that we had moved away from a Site Allocation approach to an Outcome Related approach.

Other Items not fully discussed but raised for future meetings.

Housing numbers from Wiltshire showed inconsistency and mixed numbers – more work from **David**

Mike presented some survey analysis, which looked good, and more work would be presented to future meetings.

Next Meeting

This meeting ended at 7.35pm and we agreed to reconvene again on Tuesday 6th April at 6pm to talk to Bluestone.

David Thomson

6th April 2021

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