

Notes of a Meeting held by Zoom on Tuesday 4th May 2021

Sutton Benger Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

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

Minutes

We agreed to approve the following minutes:-

210420 Notes of a Meeting held by Zoom on Tuesday 20th April 2021 revised and Approved

210406 Notes of a Meeting held by Zoom on Tuesday 6th April 2021 Approved

210323 Notes of a Meeting held by Zoom on Tuesday 23rd March 2021 revised and Approved

Bluestone – to be discussed next time, together with funding requirements and opportunities, through a bid to Wiltshire Council. This would be a major item for the next meeting.

Green Spaces

Sutton Benger Parish Council met informally to receive and discuss the findings of our Green Space review, led by Peter. This will now go for agreement to their meeting on 19th May 2021. In the meantime, ownership of the land running from Manor Farm to the brook was confirmed as owned by Greenbelt. The land is managed by them, with the premise of protecting the habitat for slow worms. It was suggested signing be erected to this effect, so the public did not think the land was being ignored and left to grow wild.

Housing

David was waiting for further information from Rebecca Lockwood-Norris, Wiltshire Council's Community Led Housing Project Manager.

The previous survey's recommendations concentrated on households unable to afford accommodation on the open market, and so needs to be read in conjunction with other measures for housing need.

Definition of Sutton Benger as a Large Village

Although it was agreed that there would be changes in dwelling numbers and employment opportunities around the village and the parish, these did not appear to be anywhere near enough to persuade Wiltshire Council that the village designation should be downgraded to Small. We had failed to find any verifiable news about the future of the Surgery. In any event, the loss would be seen adversely by the village, and would not appear to be so significant as to alter the definition of the planning status of the parish.

The group felt that any further attempt to change the classification of the village would be most unlikely to succeed, so we agreed to drop any further work on this matter.

Communications

The next phase may need to examine the gaps in our evidence. Although we would acknowledge a gap in future employment demand in the village (and indeed in the bigger parish area) the design guide would limit business expansion to within new buildings that followed the proposed Design Guide. This would not in itself appear to be too detrimental and there could be a Policy about any

employment land use to be of a small scale. There may be other gaps in Environmental and Climate Change issues.

Next Meeting

This meeting ended at 7.10pm and we agreed to reconvene again on Tuesday 18th May at 6pm.

David Thomson

8th May 2021

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