Gotherington NDP Steering Group Meeting Minutes

3:30pm on Monday 14th August 2015 at David’s house

Present: David Ward, Iain Angus, Howard Samuels, Paul Hughes, Phil Aplin, Caroline Ryman

Apologies: David Hearn, Simon Tarling

1. Background.

David described the visit with Howard to see Mrs Clark and her daughter Simone reference Site 12. Later Mervyn Dobson and Andrew Fleming from Pembury Estates paid us a visit and showed us their suggested draft plans for site 12 – Mrs Clark’s site. This covered 3.5 acres with 29 dwellings – approx. 9 or 10 per acre. The housing mix comprised bungalows and 3 and 4 bed houses. There were some social houses but these were discreetly sited. All houses were 2 storey and all dwellings had two parking spaces, with many houses having garages. We also discussed phasing and they said no problem because by the time they had planning permission, etc. building would probably not start until late 2017. We discussed numbers of dwellings and I said we required 22 dwellings for this site (49 – 18 – 9).

1. Kirkwell’s Response

**Risks on specifying part of a site:** The Steering Group was happy to accept K advise and use a line of dwellings to indicate linearity.

**Planning legislation**: We are using an existing feature – the road – and a line of dwellings.

**Density:** We have consistent density over all planned new development

**Site 12 / Mr & Mrs Clark:** See below

**Lioncourt:** We have provided them with a copy of our draft NDP, but will not let them have a Site Assessment report.

1. Final Agreement on sites and dwelling numbers:

The SG agreed the following approximate numbers of dwellings for the three allocated sites:

**Site 14** Land at Malleson Road (South side) 16 to 18 dwellings

**Site 1**  The frontage of land North side of Malleson Road 6 to 8 dwellings

**Site 12** The Clark’s Land at Gretton Road 24 dwellings

**Totals: 46 to 50 dwellings**

1. Consultation Leaflet

Various changes were suggested and agreed, including:

Making the introductory page less formal,

Including a line stating that no personal contact details will be made public, and

Adding the ‘block of houses’ logo in grayscale.

**Phil** to undertake these changes.

It was also agreed that we would provide each household with one of the leaflets, but NOT provide a copy of the latest draft GNDP. These would be readily available from our website, the shop.

Once about 4 weeks of the Formal Consultation period has passed, we may decide to open the Village Hall for a few hours for a Questions and Answers session, and to allow residents to collect a copy of the latest GNDP.

The following changes to the present draft GNDP were agreed by the SG:

1. A really different, striking front cover to be used for the Final Draft GNDP – perhaps a view of the War Memorial – to be decided.
2. Objective 6 title to be changed to “To protect the identity of Gotherington and prevent coalescence of Gotherington and Bishop’s Cleeve and Gotherington and Woolstone”
3. Policy GNDP 13 to be changed to “ Development North and South of Gotherington village”
4. Policy GNDP14: Biodiversity - details of this policy to be included by Kirkwells.

**David** will contact Kirkwells to arrange the above updates, etc.

Changes 2 – 4 will be reflected in the Consultation leaflet. **Phil**

Residents will be asked to place the completed leaflets ina box provided in the Village Stores. **Phil**

**David** will ask Elin if the GRCC are able to analyse the comments from the completed leaflets.

1. GNDP Costs now and in the next 12 months

**David** will ask Elin whether we can apply for further grants from Locality.

**Caroline** agreed to contact Gill Cannon to discuss GNDP costs with **Phil** reference expenditure to date, monies remaining and predicted future costs. These will be presented to the Parish Council at our October meeting.

1. Local Green Spaces

**David** confirmed that emails had been sent to the Chair of the Parish Council, the Borough Councillor and the County Councillor to ask if they could each describe why they think Freeman Field and The Meadow are special to our community. He also reported that Elin had sent useful information and three documents, including:

1.       Screen dump of land area on which the land registry search was conducted (The Meadows)

2.       Result of the land search

3.       Planning applications search – screen dump of result for the area.

These should be discussed in more detail at our next meeting.

**Howard** agreed to proceed with contacting the various clubs and societies with a view to asking them to describe why they think Freeman Field and The Meadow are special to our community.

David Ward

15/09/15