

Frodsham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting

Thursday 14th June 2016 at 7pm Beechmill House

Attendees

Mark Warren Interim Chair, Resident

Caroline Ashton, FTC

Liam Jones FTC

Gill Hesketh, Support and Admin, Resident

Apologies from Peter Vickery

Minutes

The meeting agreed the signatories for the Plan bank account are:

Peter Vickery

Nick Smith

Caroline Ashton

Mark Warren

Liam Jones.

GH reported on feedback from the update (which was sent to all SG members, all those who asked to be “copied in”, the two developers who had been in touch and any other members of the public who had expressed an interest) – two people had asked for copies of the minutes and one developer had acknowledged the update.

The meeting reviewed the lengthy and detailed draft grant application form and gave approval, GH to complete and bring to next meeting for final adjustments.

There followed a discussion about developing further draft policies, particularly in relation to “green belt”, “green space” and “open spaces” in Frodsham. It was suggested that definitions of each of these should be provided in the Plan and made available at consultation events. A map of designated green belt in Frodsham exists and could be utilised.

The meeting agreed to seek Richard Thresh’s (Cheshire Community Action) advice on how to formulate a policy about the use of green belt.

MW suggested some information should be gathered on which green or open spaces were valued by residents, and which were underutilised or un utilised. LJ suggested that if an open space was re used a compensatory benefit should be suggested for another valued open space.

The discussion raised the issue of developing an overall open spaces strategy for the whole of Frodsham which would focus on what was in the best interests of Frodsham. This led to a discussion about developing a Frodsham wide community events strategy pertaining to the use of open spaces.

Further discussion took place about a policy that referred to an electronic hub or “Frodsham App” and how this could be incorporated into the NP, further advice from Cheshire Community Action was identified.

Action from this meeting:

| ACTION | OUTCOME |
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| GH to complete bank account application with help from Hazel | |
| GH to contact Jack Watson re potential website | Email sent 15/6/16 |
| GH to request meeting dates from Richard Thresh | Email sent 15/6/16 |
| GH to redraft grant application | |

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Next meeting: TBA depending on Richard Thresh’s availability

Draft Housing Policy 22/5/2016

Evidence from Frodsham's consultation document suggests that the number of new houses identified in the Local Plan part one will not satisfy the aim of a sustainable demographic for the future of Frodsham. The evidence indicates the greatest demand is for affordable housing and one or two bedroom housed for downsizing.

Based on this evidence, the following housing developments will be supported;

- Those on current vacant land, or infilling of sites
- Backland and tandem developments (i.e. gardens of existing properties)
- Sites that currently have an alternative use (for example car parks)

All of the above are subject to all the following criteria:

- There should be no loss of amenity, privacy, or ecological benefit from any development
- Appropriate vehicular access to a main road and safe cycling / pedestrian access should be provided to each development
- Buildings should be of an appropriate scale, height and form that fits with character of the surrounding area.
- Proposals for housing on Brownfield land will be preferred over Green Belt land and must be for affordable homes and must be adjacent to existing built up areas. Developments should have enhanced environmental standards with regard to sustainability incorporated at the planning stage.

Update on Frodsham Neighbourhood Plan

Thanks for maintaining your interest in Frodsham's Neighbourhood Plan.

The Steering Group in conjunction with Cheshire Community Action have been working to develop a vision statement and aims for the Plan:

Vision

Frodsham will:

- Be thriving and sustainable
- Value its community and heritage
- Encourage innovation, collaboration and social cohesion
- Promote access to services

Aims

Thriving & Sustainable

To ensure that Frodsham has a sustainable demographic profile with services that support that profile and enable the community / town to prosper

Community & Heritage

To generate a pride in our community and maintain a broad range of activities that respects our cultural and physical heritage

Innovation / cohesion / collaboration

To promote activities that encourages community cohesion and support innovation whilst working in partnership

Access

Promote the infrastructure and access to services that support the above / our objectives.

In due course the policies associated with the aims will be presented to the community for consultation and evidence will be gathered to support the policies.

For more information on the Neighbourhood Planning process there is an introductory video on the website www.mycommunity.org.uk.

If you would like to be included on the mailing list for the minutes please let me know on this email address.

Gill Hesketh

On behalf of Frodsham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group