

Frodsham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting

Thursday 26th May 2016 at 6.30 pm Beechmill House

Attendees

Mark Warren Interim Chair, Resident

Caroline Ashton, FTC

Ales Villiers, Resident

Liam Jones FTC

Gill Hesketh, Support and Admin, Resident

Minutes

The meeting reviewed the draft housing policy and made some changes – see below.

Discussion took place about how many policies the plan should have and how the policies relate to the aims. AV offered some thoughts to enhance the discussion. The suggestions for the topics policies should address were;

- Housing
- Retail
- Inward investment (encouraging business and industry to come here)
- Visitor economy (day and night time, a “short break destination”)
- Employment / business and the local economy (maintaining and encouraging business and commerce)
- Community resilience (being a caring community that addresses the needs of all)
- Layout of the town (where is the centre?)
- Green spaces (which are valued and which could be re used).

Andrew Dawson had also suggested a policy on Frodsham’s relationship with industry.

The structure of the policies was discussed and it was agreed that each policy should consider

Environmental issues

Sustainability

Required infrastructure

and be

“Future proofed” (i.e. take into consideration future developments such as IT, transport, adjacent developments etc).

Discussion took place about how to communicate with those members of the public who expressed an interest in the Plan. GH is to send out a short update to all potential volunteers, individuals who had made enquiries and the two developers who had contacted the SG. (see below)

In addition enquiries are to be made about setting up a website where all the meeting minutes could be lodged and information communicated to the public

It was agreed that the draft housing policy and suggested structure of policies should be sent to Richard Thresh for his comments; the SG is considering a meeting with Richard after the next meeting.

GH reminded the SG that in order to apply for grants there needs to be an overall plan of events/ roadshows / meetings for the next 6 months. GH & CA will draft a grant application for discussion.

Action from this meeting:

ACTION	OUTCOME
GH to complete bank account application with help from Hazel	
GH to send update to volunteers and individuals and wider SG	
CA & GH to draft grant application	

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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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