

Broomfield Neighbourhood Plan

Notes of Steering Group Meeting

Held on 31st January 2018 at 7.30 pm at Broomfield Village Hall

Present: John Blake, Sue Hubble, Geof Garwood, Peter Marriage, David Howell, Angela Thomson, Karen Hurrell

248. Apologies for absence: Les Steed, Duncan Coles

249. Declarations of Interest: None

250. To approve Notes of the meeting held on 8th January 2018 – Approved

251. Comments from Parish Council Planning Committee

No meeting taken place

252. Finance Report

£42 has been spent on hiring the village hall in respect of Presentation Evening on 23rd May. Overspend is now £682.43.

253. Presentation Evening – 23 May 2018

- The presentation evening will commence at 7.30 pm
- Displays will be mantled around tables showing a 'blown-up' version of the Report, photos of past displays and up to date position of Neighbourhood Plan
- Each SG member present will be given information (FAQs) in order to answer questions quickly and efficiently
- Refreshments will be provided and bookmarks will be given out
- JB to make short presentations throughout the evening as and when required
- Date for next meeting of sub-group TBA
- Scrap book of items to be kept as part of our "evidence base"
- As "Traffic" was at top of list from survey, it is imperative that we find out from Highways prior to evening what measures are feasible.

254. Update re Cycle Path routes and Traffic Reduction Measures

The potential cycle path previously walked by SG members and some alternative routes were discussed at length. Tom Blake has kindly agreed to revamp map from Google Earth. JB to contact Highways to agree possible dates when engineers can meet with SG members and walk the route. They will then be in a position to advise

if ideas are feasible or immediately rule out if not. PM kindly offered to print out and laminate photos taken along the potential cycle route.

Wider Traffic Mitigation – it was reported that Highways had shown some willingness to consider quite radically the down-grading of Main Road. Some of the ideas discussed were:

- Road/lane narrowing
- Cycle Path
- Gateways
- Divert traffic over Valley Bridge
- Park & Ride for hospital and Boris Bikes
- Toll charges with a toll booth either end of Main Road, locals would be exempt and drivers would only need to pay if they go through BOTH tolls, i.e. their business is not actually with Broomfield but merely using as a cut through.
- Mini roundabout at Erick Avenue
- Posts with hanging baskets along pavement close to road to give the feeling that the road is narrower
- Chicanes

JB to ask Tom Blake to produce a second map to show some of these.

255. Update on Chelmsford Local Plan

Broomfield Place has been taken out and a reduction of homes north of Woodhouse Lane from 800 to 450. SG needs to work in the background whilst consultation takes place (to avoid confusion about which body is responsible for what) and be ready for next stage of NP when Consultation ends.

256. Use of Consultants

To be placed on Next Agenda. A provisional timetable for the rest of the NP was circulated.

257. Students – Research Work

To be placed on Next Agenda

258. Questions and Quizzes

KH was thanked for kindly producing Q and A for social media.

259. AOB

RCCE is providing a course for policy writing on 26 February. SH to email around details and will ask if spaces are available.

260. Next Agenda Items

Use of Consultants and Students Research Work

261. Next Meeting Date:

Thursday 15 February at 7.30 pm

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

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