

Broomfield Neighbourhood Plan

Notes of Steering Group Meeting

Held on 11th December 2017 at 7.30 pm at Broomfield Village Hall

Present: John Blake, Sue Hubble, Geof Garwood, Peter Marriage,

223. Apologies for absence: Duncan Coles, David Howell, Angela Thomson, Karen Hurrell

224. Declarations of Interest: None

225. To approve Notes of the meeting held on 28th November 2017 – Approved

226. Comments from Parish Council Planning Committee

Advisers have reported that a “call for sites” should not be required as Chelmsford City Council are in the process of producing a Local Plan. All potential developers and landowners have been made aware that a Neighbourhood Plan is taking place.

227. Finance Report

There has been no movement since last meeting.

228. Issues and Options for the Neighbourhood Plan

A draft I & O document previously issued was discussed at great length and the main issues taken on board from the residents’ questionnaire were as follows:

2b) Traffic & Cycle Paths – also roundabout at the Erick Road/Days Garage junctions should be investigated further.

3. It is very important to residents that certain areas of countryside be protected, including prominent aspects of the Pleshey Plateau, Night Pasture, Felsted Field, Angel Green, Church Green and Broom Pightle. At our next open day, we could ascertain whether there would be an appetite for crowd funding to purchase any of the parcels of land most important to protect.

5. Village Design – The questionnaire showed that most residents want “traditional design”. “Modern” design is more efficient, so developers should strive for efficiency with a traditional façade.

6. High buildings should be discouraged.

9. Housing and Development – There was only a 1% difference between those who want to down-size compared to those who want to up-size. Therefore, investigation should take place about how to enable unlocking homes if there were to be more homes for the active retired.

The amended Issues and Options document is attached.

Next Steps – engage a planning consultant to produce a policy document to contain all the important aspects shown from the full summary analysis of the residents' questionnaire.

229. Cycling Routes

JB displayed a draft map, with marked routes, showing three potential cycle route options which might possibly work - various obstacles were discussed which would need to be ironed out. It was agreed that on **Saturday 6th January at 10:00 am, the steering group would meet at Church Green** so that the potential cycle routes could be physically walked out.

230. Questions and Quizzes

Questions will be put on social media based on the Full Summary of the Questionnaire and people will find the answers by going to the website and actually looking at the Summary. SG members were requested to think about questions ready for the next meeting.

231. Students – Research Work

A Spec should be drawn up and Nezhapi O'deleye could be asked if she felt students would be able to carry out the relevant work.

232. AOB – JB showed CVs of three recommended policy writers who may be able to write policies

233. Next Agenda Items

Quizzes, Policy Writers, Cycle Routes

234. Next Meeting Date:

Monday 8th January at 7.30 pm

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

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