

WOODMANCOTE PARISH COUNCIL
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Minutes of Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 3rd June 2015 at 7.00p.m.
(This was a closed meeting)

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Present: Cllrs. D. Austin (Chairman), A. Underwood, M. Grimes, P. Williams and volunteers D. Linford, R. Lunn, L. Austin, C. Blazeby and M. Clark
L. Bannister (Clerk)
J. Prangnell (as councillor for Woodmancote to observe)

This meeting was held to discuss the sites put forward under the call for sites initiative.

Cllr. Austin explaining that both Laura Bourke from HDC and Faustina Bayo from AirS have stressed that the Steering Group are unable to rule out any sites at this stage. All information that has been gathered about the sites will be presented to AirS and RCOH at a meeting this week, and then they will start their assessments. However, the Steering Group can make strong representations to them about what is appropriate for Woodmancote.

All sites will be subject to a strategic environmental assessment, sustainability assessment and habitat assessment.

If an independent assessor looks at the sites and says one is suitable, the parishioners can still vote no to the site at the referendum stage.

L. Bourke has two plans which are being held up at the moment because the Steering Groups had tried to pre-empt what sites could be included.

The new sites that have been put forward need to go through same process as the ones that have already been put forward (eg questionnaire completed and presentation to public).

The sites that have been put forward are:-

- 1 - Peacock Paddock
- 2 - Land adjacent to A281 & Blackstone Lane – **this has been removed**
- 3 - Stockmans
- 4 - Land adjacent to Firslands
- 5 - Woodhouse Farm

6 - Farm Hill

7 - Terrys Cross (opposite Woodmancote Place)

8 - Bramlands

D. Linford was concerned that as he does not live in the parish he could undermine any vote if he were to take part, and he does not want the Steering Group to come under any criticism. Cllr. Austin has checked this point with AirS, who have confirmed D. Linford's right to vote. However, D. Linford confirming that despite this he will not vote.

All sites were compared against a questionnaire (attached) and given a score. The scoring system is explained on the questionnaire. The results are as follows:-

Site number (as above)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Q1	C 25		B 10	C 25	C 25	A 5	B 10	B 10
Q2	C 25		A 5	B 10	A 5	A5	B 10	B 10
Q3	D 100		D 100	A 10	A 10	D 100	D 100	D 100
Q4	A 5		A 5	A 5	A 5	A 5	B 10	A 5
Q5	A 2		B 4	B 4	B 4	A 2	B 4	A 2
Q6	A 5		A 5	A 5	A 5	A 5	A 5	A 5
Q7	A 5		A 5	B 10	A 5	A 5	A 5	A 5
Q8	B 20		B 20	B 20	B 20	B 20	B 20	B 20
Q9	B 20		B 20	B 20	B 20	B 20	B 20	B 20
Q 10	A 5		A 5	A 5	A 5	A 5	A 5	A 5
Q 11	C 50		B 20	A 10	B 20	A 10	C 50	D 100
Q 12	B 20		C 50	B 20	B 20	B 20	B 20	B 20
Q 13	B 20		B 20	A 10	A 10	B 20	C 50	C 50
Q 14	B 20		C 50	B 20	B 20	C 50	C 50	C 50
Q 15	A 5		A 5	A 5	A 5	A 5	A 5	A 5
Q 16	C 50		B 20	A 10	B 20	B 20	C 50	C 50
Q 17	B 10		B 10	A 5	A 5	A 5	C 25	C 25
Q 18	D 100		B 20	C 50	C 50	A 10	C 50	C 50
Q 19	A 5		D 50	D 50	D 50	A 5	A 5	B 10
Q 20	B 4		A 2	D 20	D 20	B 4	B 4	B 4
Q 21	A 5		D 50	D 50	D 50	D 50	A 5	D 50
Q 22	B 10		D 50	D 50	D 50	D 50	C 25	D 50
Q 23	D 50		D 50	D 50	D 50	D 50	D 50	D 50
Q 24	C 25		C 25	C 25	C 25	C 25	C 25	C 25
Q 25	C 10		C 10	C 10	C 10	C 10	C 10	C 10
TOTAL	596		611	499	509	506	613	731
RANK	4		5	1	3	2	6	7

It was noted that this is just one exercise used to decide what sites to include, and of course it doesn't take into account the number of units proposed for each site.

All members need to keep in mind that two of these sites are brownfield sites.

All parishes are encouraged to contribute to HDC's allocation of 1500.

This questionnaire is heavily based on environment, but this is backed up by the National Planning Policy Framework which highlights the importance of the environment, and also statements made by the Planning Minister in a letter to the chief executive of the Planning Inspectorate.

It also needs to be considered whether or not the economy of the parish is not being held back by a lack of housing.

There was a discussion about how relevant completing this questionnaire was, but Cllr. Austin explained that each individual score will inform RCOH when they come to do the assessments.

It was asked whether it is possible to add comments to these results. Because (for example) Stockmans is just a windfall site so there seems to be no objection to this, but the questionnaire doesn't take this into account. AirS and RCOH will answer this in their upcoming meeting.

Everything from the focus group reports will be taken into account to decide the numbers of housing required. Once housing numbers are decided this may mean that sites will not get all of their proposed units.

It was pointed out that all scores will be relatively high because of Woodmancote's rural nature.

The next stage is the meeting with RCOH and AirS. They will be presented with everything the Steering Group have done. They will go ahead with the SEA, sustainability assessment and habitat assessment, which Cllr. Austin expects will take at least six weeks.

Cllr. Austin pointing out that although the parishioners' views need to be taken into account, they are probably not very well informed about what Woodmancote actually needs, which has been the task of the Steering Group to find out.

It was discussed whether or not Woodmancote was a suitable venue for people downsizing because of its lack of facilities.

There are two sites (numbers 7 and 8) that have not had a chance to be presented to the public. This will need to be done.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm