

**Swanley Neighbourhood Plan
Minutes
Steering Group Meeting
Wednesday 13th February 2019**

Present: Robert Brickell (Chair), Chris Prestedge, Roger Ford (Visitor), Paul Darrington, Martyn Jordan, Glynnis Darrington, Dr Elizabeth Lunt

In attendance: Lorraine Hart (Planning Consultant)

1. Apologies

Alan Dean, Chrissy Hudson, Cllr Dyball,
Steve Nash, Toni Roast (Swanley Town Council)

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2018 and Matters Arising

Agreed to amend the minutes to reflect the correct spelling of names of Glynnis Darrington and Chris Prestedge.

Matters Arising

LH to chase Helen French of providing a copy of her presentation.

Actions for LH in relation to survey forms for estate agents still to be done. It was **agreed** to add questions related to employment space too.

Action for LH to prepare draft Neighbourhood Plan objectives for each policy area for discussion by working groups still to be done. LH clarified that this was for the Steering Group first then the working groups but she had not picked this up in the draft minutes. It was **agreed** to circulate for the next Steering Group.

4. Review of NP Questionnaire summary with precis of comments made by residents

It was unclear whether all Steering Group members had received the latest version of this. Additionally some analysis remained to be done of respondents in terms of age, gender and travel to work patterns.

LH reported that she had prepared precis of comments for the Working Groups on housing transport health and education and employment but that other working groups on environment leisure and heritage had yet to be held. It was **agreed** that:

LH would liaise with Toni Roast on production of a final report which included all analysis and the comments summaries that she had prepared for circulation to the Steering Group

LH and the Chair would chase the progress of other working groups with their agreed leads from the Steering Group and STC staff, including whether they were still willing or able to lead the groups.

5. Review the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire summary completed by Orchard Academy Students

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See actions agreed under Item 4.

6. Working Group Chairs' reports on first meetings

Transport

Chris Prestedge report that he had 13/14 attendees and sharing views about issues was its main purpose. Some people very keen on development and it had been agreed that the groups work encompassed all forms of transport. The next steps were that he and Roger Ford would prepare a statement of intentions about transport for Swanley that could then be discussed by the Group so that they could if possible be turned into policies and proposals for the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was **agreed** that LH would send some sample objectives and policies on transport from made Neighbourhood Plans that had been through their entire process to Chris and Roger.

Health and Education

Dr Lunt reported that the meeting was very well attended and she was heartened by the breadth of interest in all aspects of health and well-being – physical, mental. The next meeting would be focussed upon education.

Housing and Employment had also met and it was **agreed** to ensure that all Steering Group members got copies of the notes of the meetings.

7. Discussion on the Vision and Objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan

LH explained that she was waiting for all working groups to meet before drafting this for the Steering Group – it was agreed that this should be available for the next steering Group meeting.

8. Discussion of U&I Planning Appeal

The Chair stated that he would be speaking at the Appeal and that he was advised that his statement would hold more weight if it came from the NP Steering Group. He therefore requested that the statement be made on behalf of the steering group and he read it out for members to consider whether the approach was appropriate.

The statement emphasised ways in which the Application did not meet NPPF policy applicable at the time, would reiterate the history of comments critical of the scheme and the lack of positive response from the developers for further discussion. It was **agreed** that this approach was acceptable on behalf of the Steering Group.

He was encouraged to point to the results of the neighbourhood plan survey in relation to heights of buildings, pollution, traffic congestion, parking and so on to underline the case to the Planning Inspector that residents felt that the development was inappropriate and likely to negatively impact on the Town, worsen existing problems of traffic and parking and not result in appropriate renewal of the Town Centre and its retail offer.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting was agreed for **TUESDAY 12th MARCH 6.30pm** in the Swanley Town Council Chamber St Mary's Rd, Swanley BR8 7BU