Joint Working Group for Crossways and Moreton - Fourth Meeting

12 June 2017 - South Walks House, Dorchester

Minutes

Attendees:

Trevor Badley (TB) – DCC Minerals
Tracy Binson (TrB) – Moreton Parish Council
Andrew Brewer - Crossways Parish Council
Cherry Brooks (CB) – PDC councillor
Nigel Bundy (NB) (Chair) – WDDC councillor
Mike Garrity (MG) – DCC Planning
Nick Ireland – DCC councillor
Anna Lee (AL) – PDC Planning
Alan Thacker (AT) – WDDC councillor
Trevor Warrick (TW) – WDDC Planning

1. Apologies

Laura Miller (PDC councillor) and Peter Wharf (PDC and DCC councillor).

2. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

The group agreed to appoint Cllr Nigel Bundy as Chairman and Cllr Peter Wharf as Vice-Chairman.

3. Minutes of last meeting (21 March 2017) and any matters arising

The minutes were agreed. Actions arising had all been completed.

4. Updates of Local Plan progress

• Purbeck District Council (Anna Lee)

AL explained that PDC consulted on options for the Purbeck Local Plan Review in summer 2016 and received a high response rate. Following the consultation, the Council had committed to undertaking a range of further evidence base work as well as further engagement with the local community. The Council had set up five local forums (covering different areas of the district) to help inform the plan. The first meeting of the South West Purbeck Forum (which covers Moreton) was due to take place on Tuesday 27 June, from 6pm to 8.30pm, at Moreton Village Hall. Crossways residents were welcome to attend. [Post meeting note: this meeting has unfortunately now been postponed, with a new date to be arranged and publicised in due course].

Action: AL to forward details of the South West Purbeck Forum to Andrew Brewer.

Action: AL to liaise with Tracy Binson regarding provision of paper copies of information about the South West Purbeck Forum, for dissemination by the Parish Council.

Dorset County Council (Trevor Badley)

TB provided an update on the Waste Plan Review and the Mineral Sites Plan. Officers were currently preparing the pre-submission documents, with the aim of submitting the plans to the Secretary of State by the end of 2017. There would be a 6 week public consultation on the pre-submission documents before submission. The Waste Plan Review did not identify any waste sites in the Moreton and Crossways area, but a number of possible minerals sites were being considered in the area through the Mineral Sites Plan.

Cllr Thacker highlighted that traffic generation would affect the whole area, even if sites were not directly located in Moreton and Crossways.

West Dorset District Council (Trevor Warrick)

TW explained that the Council had undertaken an Issues and Options consultation in February 2017, to inform the Local Plan Review. The consultation sought views on a number of potential development sites, but not all of these would be needed in order to provide the required level of housing. Officers were currently preparing a summary report of the responses to the consultation, and the Council was aiming to publish this report towards the end of July.

Work would then start on the preparation of a 'preferred options' document, which would require choices to be made about which sites to take forward. The timing of the preferred options consultation was likely to depend on the timing of the Government's new methodology for calculating housing need, and proposed updates to the National Planning Policy Framework.

In the meantime, the Council had commissioned additional evidence on landscape and heritage, and transport modelling work was underway.

Cllr Thacker stated that it would be important to include likely timescales for development, as people tended to be most interested in hearing about development which may be happening in the near future.

Cllr Bundy asked whether there were many respondents from the Crossways area. In response, TW explained that officers had not finished counting numbers yet.

5. Any Other Business

Cllr Bundy explained that an application for 500 homes at Warmwell Road was due to be considered at West Dorset District Council's Planning Committee in the next few weeks.

Cllr Bundy also asked for an update on the proposed new road at Silverlake.

Action: MG to provide an update on the Silverlake road proposal for the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting should take place in October, with a date to be arranged depending on committee dates for the Minerals and Waste Plans. Meeting to take place at County Hall, starting at 4.30pm.

Action: MG to arrange next meeting date in October.