

# Joint Working Group for Crossways and Moreton - Third Meeting

21 March 2017 – Purbeck District Council

## Minutes

### Attendees:

Trevor Badley (TB) – DCC Minerals  
Tracy Binson (TrB) – Moreton Parish Council  
Cherry Brooks (CB) – PDC councillor  
Nigel Bundy (NB) – WDDC councillor  
Anna Lee (AL) – PDC Planning  
Alan Thacker (AT) – WDDC councillor  
Trevor Warrick (TW) – WDDC Planning  
Peter Wharf (PW) – PDC and DCC councillor

### 1. Apologies.

Andrew Brewer (Crossways Parish Council); Andy Canning (DCC councillor); Mike Garrity (DCC Planning); Laura Miller (PDC 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. It was agreed that Cllr Bundy and Cllr Wharf would hold office through to the end of the next municipal year, to be reviewed in May 2018.

### 3. Minutes of last meeting (13 December 2016) and any matters arising.

Minutes were agreed. Actions arising had all been completed.

AL explained that PDC would need to formally appoint councillors to the group, and this was due to take place at the next Council meeting in April.

The terms of reference were now finalised, subject to a minor amendment to make it clear that councillors were *representing* their wards (rather than *covering*).

The group discussed the importance of openness and transparency. It was agreed that a single webpage for the Working Group would be useful, to include minutes of meetings, presentation slides and relevant evidence studies (e.g. transport modelling). It would be helpful to circulate a link to the webpage to neighbouring parishes, to keep them informed.

**Action: AL to make minor update to terms of reference as above. PDC to set up webpage for the Working Group on Dorsetforyou. PDC to circulate link to the webpage to the surrounding parishes.**

### 4. Updates of Local Plan progress

- Purbeck District Council (Anna Lee)

AL explained that PDC consulted on options for the Partial Review of the Purbeck Local Plan Part 1 in summer 2016 and received a high response rate. Following the consultation, the Council had arranged for an independent review of the process to date. Based on the

recommendations of the independent review, the Council had now renamed the work as a full Local Plan Review, and had updated the timetable, with the aim of publishing the pre-submission plan for comments in early 2018. The Council was setting up five local forums (covering different areas of the district) and a Purbeck Infrastructure Forum to help inform the plan. The South West Purbeck Forum would cover Moreton.

The group agreed that it would be important to publicise the South West Purbeck Forum in Crossways, due to the cross-boundary issues.

**Action: PDC to publicise the South West Purbeck Forum in Crossways, and seek expressions of interest to join the forum from Crossways residents.**

- Dorset County Council (Trevor Badley)

TB provided an update on the Draft Mineral Sites Plan which will, among other things, identify the sites required to deliver the 2014 Minerals Strategy. Originally, the target was adoption in late 2017. However, the plan is being produced in tandem with the Waste Plan Review. A further focussed consultation on the Waste Plan Review is currently taking place, which will delay Publication and subsequent stages of both plans.

It is now anticipated that the Mineral Sites Plan and the Waste Plan pre-submission documents will both be published in October 2017 for comments, before submission to the Secretary of State at the end of the year.

PW suggested that the slide showing the timetable should be updated to make it clear that people would have an opportunity to comment on the plan at the publication stage.

**Action: TB to update the slide as above.**

- West Dorset District Council (Trevor Warrick)

TW provided the background that the councils needed to identify more housing. This equates to around 4,520 new homes by 2036. The local plan inspector said a long term strategy is needed for Dorchester and Sherborne and sites need to be identified. The inspector saw merit in Crossways sites.

West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Councils were currently undertaking an Issues and Options Consultation to inform the Local Plan Review. The councils had undertaken a 360° search around every settlement and identified potential areas of search. Those being taken forward to issues and options could deliver around 20,000 homes, so there is a genuine choice available.

The Issues and Options consultation was running from 6 February to 3 April 2017. The Council had organised 10 consultation events, including an event at Crossways Village Hall on 7 March which was very well attended. The next stage would be to consult on Preferred Options (likely to be later in 2017 or early 2018), and the Councils were aiming to publish the pre-submission plan in 2018.

The group agreed that the presentations had been helpful, and it would be useful to circulate the slides after the meeting, and to make these available online.

**Action: PDC to circulate presentation slides to all attendees, and publish these online.**

5. Any Other Business

PW emphasised the role of the parish council representatives in feeding back to their parishes about discussions at the Working Group meeting. The Working Group was seeking to be as open and transparent as possible, and the parish council representatives had a key role to play in this.

**Action: TrB to update Moreton Parish Council about discussions at the Working Group meeting.**

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at **4pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June in Committee Room C at South Walks House.**