

FONTMELL MAGNA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

MONITORING GROUP

Minutes of Meeting held at 2.30pm on the 26th August 2022, at 5 Collyer's Rise

Present: Roy King (Retiring Chairman)
Barry Roberts (Incoming Chairman)
Andrew Davis
Michael Humphreys
John Knight
Robert McCurrach
Dick Stainer

1. Apologies

Michael Hobbs

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th June were agreed.

3. Terms of Reference, and Membership of NPMG

Roy King stood down as Chair, and Barry Roberts was unanimously elected as Chair. A motion was passed to thank Roy for his service to the Group.

Robert McCurrach said he would stand down as Secretary by December.

Sections 6.2 and 6.5 of the TOR require three members to deal with planning applications: it was agreed that this should be amended to two members.

John Knight pointed out that there was no reference in the TOR to quality of design. After discussion it was agreed that the fourth bullet point in Section 7.1 should include design.

There was discussion on the need to ensure that there was no personal bias in NPMG reports. The existing report proforma asks whether applicants are known to members. It was agreed that the present procedure is adequate, but that members should at all times be aware of the possible risk of bias.

The need for new members was discussed, and there were several suggestions, all of which will be followed up. TOR require at least one member to be a Parish Councillor.

3. Suggestions for Improving the Operation of NPMG

It was felt that the present structure works adequately, and that the report proforma should continue in its present form.

Andrew Davies and Mike Humphreys said that the Parish Council appreciated and was grateful for the work of NPMG.

4. Neighbourhood Plan

MH had been in discussion with DC Planning, who indicated that the housing allocation for Fontmell Magna in the new Local Plan was likely to be 62. The number achieved so far is 47, and Site 22 (Blandford's farm) would come close to satisfying the requirement.

The NP is approaching its fourth anniversary. It was felt that some form of public meeting would serve both to celebrate the NP's existence, and to help recruit new members to join in the work needed to do a revision of the Plan. A possible date for this, the 30th November, was provisionally booked at the Village Hall.

There have been many new arrivals in the village over the past four years, and it was agreed to ask Michael Hobbs whether he has a record of new arrivals.

5. Blandford's Farm – Site 22

Michael Humphreys reported that a meeting had been arranged with Intelligent Land on the 5th September, following the site visit on 13th July. IL's architect will bring some ideas for discussion. Two important issues are how the barn will be developed, and how the access will be achieved.

6. Heritage Assets

As time was short it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting

7. Any Other Business

RJMcC said the new DC planning website was pretty unhelpful, compared with the old one: MH had attended a DC planning meeting where several other parishes reported the same view. DC are "working on it".

8 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12th October at 10.00am, in the Village Hall.

This meeting will formulate a plan for the Public Meeting on the 30th November, as well as considering the evidence for proposing Heritage Assets.

RJMcC

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