



Steering Group Minutes

Wool, Bovington and East Burton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting held 27th October 2021, at The D'Urberville Centre

Present: Martin Hiles, Chris Yarnold, Tim Green, Steve Smith, Robin Thorn, Rod Web

Apologies: Malcolm Munro, Laura Miller, Peter Wharf, David Way, Frances Summers

1. Attendance and apologies

2. Minutes accuracy and actions

The Minutes were approved subject to a spelling correction.

3. Declaration of interest from items on this agenda

None.

4. Finances

Steve is applying for £3,500 grant funding up to March 2022.

5. Review initial meeting with Andrea

Those present at the initial meeting via Zoom (Chris Yarnold, Robin Thorn, Martin Hiles and Steve Smith) found it a really productive and informative meeting. Martin produced the following notes:

Purbeck Plan:

Purbeck District Council no longer exists so they can't have a plan and should be considered as 'the past'. The new Dorset Council has a statutory duty to have a plan. Andrea believes (as do we as a steering group excepting excessive housing numbers) that there are some good things in the emerging Dorset Local Plan. Andrea suggests we need "a reset" we have time to do so as the Dorset Plan will take time. It was noted that we only have one parish councillor in attendance online and a lay chair. The Parish Council owns the plan so more representation would be helpful.

Baseline:

We need a really good baseline which Andrea will help us to do. It will cover things like nature, habitats, AONB, green infrastructure, heritage/monuments, flooding, rights of way and more. Each of these subjects can then be addressed in the policies. Need to list everything important now or in the future and photograph it.

Lessons from Purbeck Gate

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A review of Purbeck Gate lessons to be learned would help to avoid repeats. It is proposed to involve the Purbeck Gate community in further consultation to create ideas and policies on design.

Sustainable Transport

Need a policy on linking transport between settlements and employment centre. New development will require new links and our policies might identify and try to rectify gaps in transport, public footpaths and rights of way etc paid for by development.

Village Centre Policy

We need one!

Special Policy on Green Infrastructure

Need to define what is rural in character. The water meadows are not designated perhaps they should be to protect them.

Carbon & Climate Policies

Perhaps the Dorset Local Plan is better placed to articulate such policies.

Data

We need to equip planning officers with helpful data because they are overloaded. e.g. change of use from commercial to residential premises can often go through without challenge but we might identify premises that we don't want to lose to redevelopment (e.g. elsewhere the Post Office might be protected etc)

Housing Mix

We need to do a bit more - do we have special housing needs e.g. for older people.

Dorset Innovation Park

Need to say something about it.

Masterplan

You have scope to design a masterplan including cycle routes with tress or segregated etc.

Next steps

Andrea to do a presentation to the parish council on 15th November and then a site visit on 16th November. The Wool Parish Neighbourhood Plan project timeline will be revised during the site visit. It is anticipated that by the end of March we could have a revised vision and draft policies. It is anticipated that we could be ready for submission by spring 2023.

Martin Hiles has spoken to our new liaison person at Dorset Council senior planing policy officer Philip Reese. Philip has neighbourhood plan experience and plans to attend Andrea's

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presentation to Wool Parish Council on 15th November but he has a prior commitment on 16th November.

6. Prepare for Andrea's presentation to Parish Council on 15th November

ACTION: Steve to add to the agenda. Martin to introduce.

7. Prepare for Andrea's tour of the Parish on 16th November: **All** (30 minutes)

ACTION: Steve, Chris, Robin, Tim and Martin to prepare briefings on Cologne Rd and Bovington, Old Wool, The station, Purbeck Gate and the development sites respectively. Steve and Chris to work out logistics for the day

8. Prepare Parish Council update

ACTION: Chris to prepare if necessary

9. AOB and items for next agenda

10. Date, time and location of next meeting

Next meeting is 7pm, 24th November in The Osgood Room, The D'Urberville Centre