



Tuesday 8th December – Microsoft teams meeting

Present: - Charlotte Lincoln, Karen Smethurst, Keith Armour, Helen Armour, Diane Cox, Judith Foster, Mel Perry – Neil Homer, Leani Haim – O'Neil Homer

Charlotte welcomed Neil and Leani to the meeting

Team News

Charlotte advised that Lucy Tallyn and John Southwood had resigned from the group .

Project Arrangements

It was noted it has been a year and a week from the original planning meeting with Neil Homer.

It was further noted that Bucks Council has designated the Neighbourhood Area which corresponds to the Parish Boundary.

Neil gave some wider planning context :-

Bucks unitary council has been formed in the interim.

Neil is working with several PC/town councils regarding Neighbourhood Planning currently and has found that the Unitary authority has yet to organise their neighbourhood planning process.

He had hoped that AVDC would take the lead as they had been the most proactive, but it appears not.

There is an imminent consultation with Town and Parish Councils as to the ongoing process.

Neil advised that Calvert, who he is working with, is currently consulting on a change to their Neighbourhood area designation to include areas outside of the Parish boundary.

He reminded members that residents outside of the Parish boundary, i.e., in Bushmead Road and the 3 houses in Oving road could ask the Examiner to extend the franchise.

Charlotte updated the group regarding the PC. Shirley Francis the clerk has resigned, and a new clerk will be appointed

Neil advised that he felt this personnel change would not delay the process as the Parish Clerk's role is limited to sending out the documents regarding the Consultation which is a few months into the process and by which time , the new clerk should be embedded .

Neil updated the group on the VALP – Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan.

He confirmed that it had still not been adopted – it was not accepted at Examination and a number of issues remain to be resolved. Bucks Council has withdrawn South Bucks Local Plan which has similar issues, and he feels it is possible that they may do the same with Vale of Aylesbury proposals. Bucks need to get a county wide plan adopted by 2024 and it may be that they concentrate on that .

Neil advised that the environment was no more certain regarding the Oxford Cambridge Expressway – the government seem to be backing away and it is difficult for Bucks Council to give any direction at this stage.

He advised that the Government is currently consulting on allowing shops, restaurants etc to convert change of use to residential without planning permission. This would apply to conservation areas and therefore it might not be possible to save local amenities.

Neil then turned to local issues . He noted :-

- The 7 houses at Barrettstown , to the west of the development has been rejected on appeal.
 - *Since the meeting, the landowner has resubmitted an application for 7 houses.
- The developers at Bushmead Road have applied for change of layout and potentially an increase in the number of houses being built.
- A MUGA is being built at Whitchurch Combined School using S106 funds

Action Plan

Neil advised that the group needed to obtain more evidence before proceeding with the development of the plan regarding :-

- Availability of land
- Traffic
- Interest of residents in downsizing
- Green Infrastructure
- Conservation Area appraisal

Organisation .

Neil would recommend that 3 or 4 members of the group are appointed to meet/ consult the various interested parties and then report back to the Steering Group.

He urged the Steering group to develop a Communications Plan and, in this regard, he suggested members looked at the You Tube video from Clifton Hampden and Burcott in Oxfordshire which is an excellent example.

Members of the group were concerned that it would be hard to engage with residents during the COVID-19 crisis. Neil reassured everyone that consultation would not happen until May/June 2021 when restrictions should hopefully have been lifted. Other villages have managed successfully to mount exhibitions in village halls and online presentations so the group can be creative with communications if needed.

Evidence Gathering

Neil would recommend the group splits in two in regard to evidence gathering.

One team to concentrate on

- Traffic
- Land Availability
- Residents downsizing

The second group to deal with

- Green infrastructure Assets
- Conservation Area
- Appraisal of landscape

Neil will provide briefings as to what is required, and it was agreed that the groups would be formed by the date of the next meeting. Residents in the village who have expressed an interest will be contacted to see if they wish to assist.

Timetable

Neil outlined the timetable.

- December 2020- May 2021 Evidence Gathering and Generation of Ideas
- Informal Consultation June – July 2021
- Consultation completed by February 2022
- Referendum May 2022

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 12th January 2021 – online via Microsoft Teams