



## **APC - NOTES OF MEETING ON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WITH CWG – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015**

This meeting took place at the Church Hall at 6.30pm

Present: Carol Henderson (CH)	Glenys Rowe (GR)	Mike Wright (MW)
Havel Allinson (HA)	Peter Henderson (PH)	Rob Pritchett (RP)
Jason Charman (JC)	Mike Toynbee (MT)	
Tim Simpson (TS)	Sandie Conlon (SC)	
Geoff Conlon (GC)	Katie Ohno (KO)	
Rachel King (RK)	James Tolson (JT)	
Vicky Spiers (VS)	Ros Simpson (RS)	
	Sue Endacott (SE)	
	Jim Endacott (JE)	

Apologies received from Geoff Uren (GU), Leigh Cresswell (LC) Dave Cole (DC)

RK opened the meeting and thanked everyone for making the launch a great success! We had over 100 people turn up. RK & CH had met with Amy Tyler-Jones from SDNP that afternoon and she was very impressed with the turnout we had.

RK advised the NP webpage on APC's website is now up and running, content coming very soon!

RK also advised we are very busy preparing a Visitors Questionnaire, this was now complete and would be going into tearooms, Church, pubs and B&B's – the answers we get will help us see which of Amberley's facilities visitors are using, why they are visiting and what they would have liked to see.

RK also advised that we are still looking at the Housing Survey, have received advice this afternoon which leads to more thought is required on this.

When RK, CH & VS met with Amy Tyler-Jones this afternoon we got confirmation from her that we are on the right track, especially around getting views from all the community for the NP Questionnaire.

CH also met with Maureen Chaffe that afternoon, she is a consultant who has worked on 6 NPs and currently working on four others, she has a lot of experience and is used to working with rural parishes within the Park. She charges £25ph if she works from home or £30 if she comes out to us. CH recommended that we try and find the funding for her, especially to write the NP document. TS said her charges were very reasonable. All agreed her charges were reasonable. TS asked how many hours/days would we need her for, CH said this will vary depending on what we want her to do.

CH advised that we will be applying for a grant from Locality but the application asks very specific questions on what we will spend the grant on.

HA asked would we be looking to employ any other consultants, CH advised that originally we were looking to employ Malcolm Simmonds to help in increasing the conservation area to cover all of Drewitts, however found out

from Amy that afternoon that we can't do this within the remit of the NP, so we won't be needing him for this now. Apparently the only way we can increase the conservation area is by putting a case directly to SDNPA.

CH advised that Maureen Chaffe advice with working with other Parishes was that the Housing Survey which AiRS do is not targeted enough and you don't always get the response you would like. Her advice was to use the NP Questionnaire and put specific, targeted Housing questions in.

All agreed the sooner we get her on board the better, Maureen would like to spend time with each focus group and reading the responses from the NP Launch.

RK then asked CWG what their plans were for engaging the community, GR said she was waiting for the list of who came to the launch, once she has that can target people who did not attend.

CH asked VS to send out the list of who attended to everyone.

TS advised that GR had done a good summary for Transport, Facilities and Services, lots of comments on the car park with 25 in favour and 9 against. With regard to a community centre 9 were in favour and 2 against, yellow lines was split.

CH said her idea was around engaging the senior ladies of the Parish and she is doing tea at White House, the Youth Group will also be there to get a mix of ideas. She will be asking them to fill in a post-it note around what they like/dislike.

SC said can we ask them what they value about Amberley at the moment, CH agreed good idea.

CH asked is a resident puts something on Listserve please can the focus group make sure it is captured.

RP advised with regard to Housing, he engaged along 3 ideas, future need for housing, where it should go and what it should look like. RP advised that the younger the person the more requests there were for affordable housing. He said PADS could be updated to include design for affordable housing – CH asked if RP could do this. RP will get hold of GU and LC to arrange another meeting. RK said we may need to think about getting a consultant to look at PADS, GR advised that RP could do that as that was his job.

RK asked how do we know what is affordable housing? RP advised that he had sent out to all the Guide to Affordable Housing for PC which detailed this.

RP said he had thought of a walking tour of Parish with residents looking at possible Sites/Access or is that too far down the line at the moment? CH suggested perhaps we wait until we get the results from the NP Questionnaire before this was done.

With regard to the Environment JE advised that they had seen a lot of interests in paths, especially around the opening up of old paths, GR advised that some of this was down to landowners, the footpaths had been closed as land had been sold off. JE mentioned the possibility of a walking party around some of these paths. He said also bonfires came up quite a bit with quite a few residents wanting restrictions placed on these, also street lighting, majority don't want. With regard to a car park, most residents preferred option of a landscape car park, like the one in Fountains Abbey, TS is on the case! He has spoken to the Clerk there, they used local stone and gravel, and he has some photos of it.

JE also stated that people wanted conservation area extended and a few mentions for allotments. CH asked if there was anything about replacing stiles with kissing gates, HA said yes, people wanted more accessibility.

Wey South Path came up, PH said possibly that we have a pedestrian section of path that farmers don't drive on, circular walk idea aswell.

CH said that the community seems to have generated some good ideas, we now need some evidence gathering to back up the ideas, for instance CH suggested re paths that Environment focus group have an evening with the Amberley Society to see where the old paths were, if we have the evidence and present this to landowners some may concede.

CH also advised that Steve Kennett is looking at green energy.

With regard to Employment & Tourism, RK said there was an overlap on ideas from other groups, which is fine, broadband had most comments. There was also lots of support for opening of BH as a pub, lots of support for shop and PO to remain and a car park, as well as making more use of the river. Also use of the Old Surgery, CH said that Roger Townsend wants to support and also with Shop Trust – so there are 2 meetings there waiting to be set up.

RS advised that with regard to the Youth Group it is not topic based, one of them is typing up the post-it notes for her. There was lots of support for activities, such as badminton, pool, darts and basketball. Main ideas are from 'sub-pubers' too young to drive or go into pubs, there is nowhere to hang out. RS said they had also come up with idea of a film club, they wanted Village Party reinstated and also mention Rude Mechanicals (a drama group) that use to come to the village. RS is keen to keep the enthusiasm going, possibly arrange a darts eve?

There was a comment from people from High Titten that they wouldn't let their 2 children come into the village on their own as B2139 was dangerous to cross and they feel there should be a proper crossing. CH said DC is heading up B2139 and is doing a questionnaire.

RK asked if the Youth Group could help with IT stuff. RS said yes most likely.

RK said we need to look at where we go next, we are heading towards the NP Questionnaire and really need to think through what evidence and data we have and if we don't have the evidence need to think of ways of collecting it, for example the Employment & Tourism group – do we know how many businesses there are in Amberley and where can we get this data?

RK made 2 requests: 1. She would like each focus group to gather information/evidence that is already out there and 2. Think how we can turn this into a question on the NP Questionnaire.

CH, said even key points or topics would be good as SK as volunteered to then turn these into questions for us.

RK asked about future meetings and if Thursdays or Fridays were preferable, majority wanted Thursdays and times will alternate between 6.30pm and 7.30pm

RK & CH asked all again about evidence, RP confirmed that his evidence as to what affordable housing is in the Guide to Affordable Housing for PC.

Evidence for flooding from River Arun is all on the Environment Agency's website.

CH advised that she and MW had done a survey on car parking a while ago, she will let TS have the data. GR will get stats on village school. B2139 DC is getting evidence via a questionnaire. CH said she is going to meet with Southern Water over the Pumping Station, JC is finding her a contact name. Broadband TS is onto it and is going to send an update out on Listserv shortly.

For employment & Tourism we need a database of local businesses, MT said should be straight forward to get info, he will do this. We also have the visitor's questionnaire which will gather evidence from visitors.

RK confirmed that the Historic Environment group has now been merged into Environment, was put together at the launch, this now means that KO is part of a wider group.

CH also mentioned the Community Action Plan (CAP), this is for issues that come up that are outside of the scope of the NP. Will need someone to run this in the future.

RK thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 8pm.

Next meeting will now be Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at the Church Hall.

V Spiers (Clerk)  
9<sup>th</sup> April 2011