

TARRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

STEERING GROUP

Minutes of the Meeting of the Steering Group held on Wednesday 4th February 2015 at 7.30p.m. in the Lady Emily Community Hall, Tarrington

1. Members Present

(in alphabetical order)

Bill Bloxsome (Data Orchard), Paul Butler, Maggie Daron, Jeannette Forrester, Robert Hodges, Veronica Hodges, Ian Howard, John Tallis (Chairman), Janette Ward and Edward Watkins

Tarrington residents Nick Elford, Trevor Kerr, Stuart Pinfield and Philip Stock were also present.

2. Apologies

Richard Bradstock and Wendy Watkins

Wendy Watkins sent a message to the meeting. Because of work pressures, Wendy has resigned from the Steering Group.

3. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Declaration of Interests

Philip Stock (landowner) declared an interest. John Tallis said that he and others who lived alongside the various sites had an obvious interest, though not a direct financial one.

6. Chairman's Progress Report

J. Tallis spoke about the instruction received by the Parish Council limiting consultation between parish councillors and residents in the lead up to the local elections which take place on the 7th May. For this reason the Consultation Open Days have been moved forward to the 13th and 15th February. It also meant that the first formal consultation between the Parish Council and the public, (Reg 14 – 6 weeks) could start after the 20th February, until the 7th May. Bill Bloxsome advised that he believed we had too much to do to the draft to meet a 20th Feb. issue date.

All actions identified in the previous minutes have been completed. In addition to the walk which took place on the 18th January and the follow up meeting, a second walk took place on 27th January, attended by Robert and Veronica Hodges, John Tallis, Jeanette Forrester, Maggie Daron, Janette Ward and Nick Elford accompanied by Bill Bloxsome. Both groups looked at all of the land in Tarrington Parish with a view to the possibility of housing development, taking into account residents' preferences as recorded in the Questionnaires. B. Bloxsome answered several questions regarding the suitability or constraints of the land, using criteria which would be used by Herefordshire Council. For example, he explained that the field in Little Tarrington, adjacent to Garbrook (which was identified by several residents at the Open Day as a suitable site for housing) is RA2 land and would therefore only be considered for development (by Herefordshire Council) if no sites were identified in Tarrington Village (RA1 land). B. Bloxsome suggested that the land in Alders End Lane next to New Cottages (if available) might be suitable for a small development of about six houses. A lot of discussion took place regarding the field in Church Lane between the Vine and Church View which is owned by the Stoke Edith Estate and

could accommodate 18 to 20 houses. It was suggested that constraints could be put on the development ensuring that sufficient space be reserved between the back of Church View and the houses to allow for footpaths and green space so that the wild life could continue to flourish.

7. The Draft Document to be Used at the Open Days and Discussion with B. Bloxsome

Beginning with the Vision for the Tarrington Neighbourhood Development Plan, a lengthy discussion took place regarding the consultation that will take place with residents on the 13th and 15th February. The subject areas to be covered include the Vision; Settlement Boundaries; Suitable Sites for Housing; Type of Housing and Supporting Businesses. J. Tallis will edit the notes to meet the needs of the meetings.

Discussions regarding possible housing sites referred back to residents' preferences for small developments, family housing and affordable housing and the possible availability of land. J. Tallis and R. Hodges have prepared documents about possible site locations, using their local knowledge, which could support the consultations with residents. All decisions regarding housing have to take into account guidance provided by Herefordshire Council and the Core Strategy. Following the discussion that took place at the follow-up meeting after the first walk, J. Tallis and I. Howard have been in contact with Rupert Foley as the Stoke Edith Estate owns most of the land in Tarrington. I. Howard told the group that he has spoken to Rupert Foley and read an email sent to J. Tallis and other members of the Steering Group:-

John

Thank you for your email. The Estate's view on other sites, including the two you mention, is as outlined at our meeting with members of the committee. It is costly in terms of professional fees to assess the feasibility of multiple sites so work has been directed at the site between The Vine and Church View identified by Herefordshire Council planners some years ago. This site could accommodate all of Tarrington's N.D.P. target, benefits from the economy of scale and meets Affordable Housing criteria.

The Vine / Church View site is by far the best site for development. I would like to see something which is in keeping with the village and carefully planned as a whole – but not in a regimented way.

Regards

Rupert Foley

J Tallis said that he believed the implication of this statement was that no other Stoke Edith Estate land could be considered available, whilst the Vine/Church View site was still a possible development site.

8. Allocation of Tasks for the Consultation Open Days

Welcoming, Giving Information and Recording Attendance (ie. residents' age, sex, location in Parish etc.)

John Tallis and Robert Hodges

Refreshments

Veronica Hodges

Members of Steering Group posted at Consultation Tables

Friday
Janette Ward
Jeanette Forrester
Maggie Daron

Sunday
 Ian Howard
 Paul Butler
 Jeanette Forrester
 Maggie Daron

Members of the Steering Group and volunteers will also be required to supervise displays and help generally with the smooth running of the event.

9. Actions to take place Before the Consultation Open Days

ACTION	PERSON/PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE
Edit document to be used by members of the Steering Group at the Consultation Open Days.	John Tallis
Display advertising for the Consultation Open Days.	John Tallis
Organise the collection of photographs to be used for the Consultation Open Days.	Ian Howard Jeanette Forrester
Collect and copy maps (including those relating to the settlement boundary) to be used for the Consultation Open Days.	Robert Hodges John Tallis
Print and photo copy documents to be displayed at the Consultation Open Days including attendance sheet.	Robert Hodges John Tallis
Buy provisions for refreshments for the Consultation Open Days.	Veronica Hodges
Set up hall in preparation for the Consultation Open Days at 10.30a.m. on the 15 th February.	Jeanette Forrester Maggie Daron
Attend and help in the gathering of information at the Consultation Open Days on 13 th and 15 th February.	All members of the Steering Group

10. Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Steering Group will be held at 7.30p.m. on Tuesday 17th February 2015 at the Tarrington Arms. There will be only one item on the agenda – to report back regarding information gathered at the Consultation Open Days.