

Amport Parish Council Neighbourhood Planning

Weyhill Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Meeting 22 Jan 24

Record of Decisions

Members Attendance:

Anthony Putt (AP), Chair
Clare Hemmings (CH)
George Foster (GF)
Andrea Dashwood (AD)
Emma Roberts (ER)
Tim Grimshaw (TG), Secretary

In attendance:

Dave Sloan (DSn)

1. Introduction.

a. The Chair welcomed WG members to this, the second Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Weyhill Working Group (WWG) meeting. He particularly welcomed Dave Sloan, who was attending to understand more about our neighbourhood planning work and to assess how he might add value to the WG. *Afternote:* DSn has declined the invitation to join the WG.

b. AP explained that the principal purpose of this meeting was to agree geographic areas of responsibility and highlight the main NP issues.

2. Record of the Last Meeting and actions arising. The Chair signed the approved copy of last record. Actions arising:

- WG members to consider allocating responsibilities within the WG area (agenda item 4 below).
- WG members to consider the key NP issues parishioners might consider important (agenda item 5 below).

3. Feedback from Community Engagement Meeting 14 Dec 23. Not discussed. *Afternote.* The meeting had been well attended from across the Parish. Key issues had been: green spaces to protect the area from unwanted development; and the speed and volume of traffic on our small country roads and the damage it was causing to the verges. The formal record of feedback is posted on the Parish Council website.

4. Allocating areas of responsibility. AP recommended the use of a community WhatsApp group to collect evidence as WG members engaged with the community, noting it could be a living record and be shared on other platforms, to keep the debate going through the consultation period. The meeting agreed that it would help if we divided the 'patch' between WG members so that they could advocate for NP issues in their area. Members noted that the Weyhill area of Amport Parish was bounded by: the A303 in the south; Dauntsey Lane in the west; the Andover Road to Tittymouse Lane in the north; to Weyhill Barn in the east (see Attachment 1 - screenshot from Parish Online). After discussion, it was agreed that:

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- George would cover Dauntsey Drove to the bridge, including Amport Fields and The White House, and cover the industrial estate (The Depot, Weyhill Business Park and Mayfield Avenue Industrial Park) and Tittymouse Lane.
- Emma would cover Michaelmas Grove and the south side of Amesbury Road (from Hilliers, east to Sarson Lane to the A303) and bottom half of Fairways and ask Hazel to help.
- Clare would cover the top half of Fairways.
- Anthony would cover properties on Amesbury Road opposite Hilliers.
- Dave, would cover Dauntsey Lane, including properties on the west side of the Fyfield Road/Dauntsey Road junction, and Mullenscote Park Homes. *Afternote:* This area will be reallocated by the Chair, following DSn's notification. **Action:** AP to reallocate Dauntsey Lane and Mullenscote Park Homes.
- Andrea would cover the area bounded by the Amesbury Road and Fyfield Road and the Millway House Care Home.

AP agreed to map out these areas and circulate a draft for comment. *Afternote:* AP had circulated a graphic on whatsapp that, having been discussed online by the group, needs further definition. **Action:** AP to map out the areas of responsibility, to ensure clarity on this issue.

5. **Key issues.** The meeting discussed the most likely NP touchpoints and agreed the following might be the priority issues:

- Retaining the existing quieter aspects of the village character, which is an eclectic mix of residential, industrial, serviceable and commercial.
- New development included in the Local Plan, 'evaluating the need for a limited number of houses, but not a housing estate'.
- Community space, perhaps around Michaelmas Field.
- ER noted that Monxton Lane (the bridle path that runs alongside Millway House, could be added as an area of easy improvement, providing a community wildlife walkway, perhaps achieved by asking for support from Weyhill businesses.

6. **Design Codes Study.** TG updated on NPSG progress against the Design Codes Study. The purpose of the Study is to ensure that: Amport Parish's style is reinforced by well-designed development; and potential developers are provided with a reference point for what is 'locally distinctive design'. The contractor, *AECOM*, undertakes the studies in TVBC's area on behalf of government. The study is funded by *Locality*, the government's agent for NP work.

7. **Housing Needs Survey.** TG updated on NPSG progress against the Housing Needs Survey (HNS). The purpose of the HNS is to inform the need for affordable housing and support the NP, providing detail on residents' views on the number, size and location of future housing. TVBC administer the survey, cover the cost and provide the NPSG with a Report. ECWG agreed to advocate for the Survey and encourage residents to complete the survey. WWG agreed in principle to post survey envelopes across the WWG area, currently scheduled for release to the Sec on 9 Feb 24. The on-line survey opens on 16 Feb 24 and closes on 11 Mar 24. Given the commitments of the volunteers on the WG, it was noted that it was possible that not all envelopes would be distributed by the time the on-line survey opens. GF asked what happened if the HNS results conflicted with the feedback from the

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NP Survey. TG explained that the NPSG would need to look carefully at the figures for future housing needs and determine the best summary of 'need' in the NP.

8. Next Steps.

- NPSG 29 Jan 24 (Chair).
- Community Engagement Meeting Amport, 4-5pm on Tue 25 Feb 24 at Amport School, organised by the Amport WG.

9. Any Other Business.

- GF noted the risk of information overload and urged caution in releasing NP information to the community in a way that they could absorb.
- The Chair agreed to ask NPSG for guidance on bullet points for 'street walking' NP issues (why the NP, the need to engage and to collect 'evidence', why complete the HNS ...). **Action:** AP to discuss 'street walking notes' with NPSG.
- It was agreed that the next WWG Meeting would be on Thu 4 Mar 24 at 7pm. Afternote: ER suggested a later start of 7.15pm. CH agreed to book the meeting room. **Action:** CH to book meeting room for 4 Mar 24.

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29 Jan 24

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