

Amport Parish Council Neighbourhood Planning

East Cholderton Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Meeting 20 Jan 24

Record of Decisions

Members Attendance:

Geraldine Grimshaw (GG), Chair
Anne Whatmore (AW)
Paul Ayers (PA)
Clive Pedlar (CP)
Tim Grimshaw (TG), Secretary

Apologies:

Caroline O'Hare (CoH)
Jean Arnell (JA)

1. **Introduction.** The Chair explained that the principal purpose of the meeting was to get feedback from members on their initial NP engagement with people in the community.
2. **Record of the Last Meeting and actions arising.** The Meeting agreed and the Chair signed the record of the last meeting. TG agreed to arrange for the record to be posted on the APC website. Actions arising:
 - CoH to prepare a flyer for the Community Engagement Meeting. **Complete.**
 - All WG members agreed to attend the Community Engagement Meeting in person where possible and to encourage attendance from EC parishioners. **Complete.**
 - TG agreed to post information on the Community Engagement Meeting on social media, across the Parish (EC, Amport/Monxton/EC and Weyhill Facebook sites). **Complete.**
 - TG to provide copy of Code of Conduct sheets to Clerk APC for the record. **Progress:** Once all sheets had been signed, this will be wrapped up.
 - GG agreed to speak to CP regarding email use on WG communications and ask him to consider signing the code of conduct. **Complete and signed.**
 - TG to convene next ECWG meeting. **Complete.**
3. **Feedback from Community Engagement Meeting 14 Dec 23.** The Chair thanked ECWG members for helping host the Community Engagement. The meeting had been well attended from across the Parish. Key issues had been: green spaces to protect our rural hamlet 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. **Feedback on community engagement activity.** All agreed that generally, parishioners in EC were concerned that we retain the fields around the village.
 - a. GG had visited residents in the pan handle out to Cholderton; engagement had been limited. The properties were more isolated than in EC and varied in type and size significantly. Some were tenant farmers who might have more limited concerns about the future development of the Parish. GG had someone in mind who lived in the pan handle and could be a valuable addition to the WG.

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b. JA had reported by email that we should have as many designated green spaces as possible and ensure new development was spread across the Parish, not focused in one area (eg East Cholderton).

c. CoH had reported by email that Chris Donnelly, Hampshire County Council's (HCC) rep on the PC, had reported to Quarley PC that HCC Universal Services Select Committee had debated the proposed new policy which allows for the introduction of 20mph zones at the request of parish, town, district and borough councils in Hampshire. HCC will continue to consider 20mph zones in areas where they are deemed appropriate and there is a proven safety need for them - outside of schools for example, and where accompanied by measures to reduce speed. Communities can request the introduction of 20mph zones on unclassified roads, where there is evidence of community support. Communities (PCs) will need to fund the introduction of the schemes they request themselves, perhaps through the Community Infrastructure Levy, or other forms of developer contributions. TG noted that the PC had previously considered and rejected supporting a policy for a blanket introduction of 20mph zones across the county, similar to that introduced recently in Wales, but had been supportive of the local use of 20mph speed limits in the Parish.

5. **Key NP issues.** ECWG noted the possible development of Thruxton Airfield and felt that industrial development there was not likely to impact the Parish. The meeting discussed issues that might potentially be important to EC residents:

a. Protection of the line of the Pill Hill Brook, through policies, green spaces or important views, which brings together several related protection issues: existing conservation areas either side of Manor Farm; pollution of the Brook; retaining a pathway (overflight of birds and line of sight) to the Hawk Conservancy; the former watercress beds; the Trout Farm; and links to the Fen in Amport.

b. Views from London Lodge.

c. Retaining space around the hamlet and between houses.

The meeting discussed areas that might be acceptable for future development. TG noted the feedback in the survey that houses were required for first time buyers and down-sizers. TG noted that EC had no 'settlement boundary', which potentially provided additional protection from development in the village.

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

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Report. ECWG agreed to advocate for the Survey and encourage residents to complete the survey. CP suggested the principle of responding to the survey was 'If you don't complete the survey ... don't complain subsequently'. ECWG agreed in principle to post survey envelopes across the ECWG area, currently scheduled for 9-16 Feb 24. GG agreed to post envelopes in JA's patch in her absence.

8. **Next Steps.** TG outlined the 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. CP noted the timing of the meeting would not suit those still working, which may be significant.

9. **Any Other Business.** ECWG agreed the next Meeting would be on Fri 12 Apr 24 at 9am at Hunters Gate.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

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29 Jan 24

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Chair ECWG
29 Jan 24