

Amport Parish Council Neighbourhood Planning

East Cholderton Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Meeting 26 Apr 24 Record of Decisions

Members Attendance:

Geraldine Grimshaw (GG), Chair
Anne Whatmore (AW)
Caroline O'Hare (CoH)
Tim Grimshaw (TG), Secretary

Apologies:

Jean Arnell (JA)
Paul Ayers (PA)
Clive Pedlar (CP)

1. **Introduction.** The Chair thanked WG members for their feedback on: the Character Appraisal; the Housing Needs Survey Report; and the design codes consultation. She explained that our responses had been further informed by discussion with Paul Wilson, David Wilkinson and Allan Maddern, who had given generously of their time and helped provide historical perspective. TG noted that the NPSG had responded formally to each of these drafts and is awaiting further updates of the paperwork.
2. **Record of the Last Meeting.** The Meeting agreed and the Chair signed the record of the last meeting on 24 Jan 24. TG agreed to arrange for the record to be posted on the APC website. **Action:** TG to arrange for the record of the ECWG Meeting on 24 Jan 24 to be posted on the Parish Council website.
3. **NP Objectives.** After discussion, the meeting agreed the following objectives:
 - Protect the rich heritage of the small hamlet. GG noted that amendments to the Character Appraisal had been proposed that support this objective.
 - Protect the Pill Hill Brook and its immediate environment and habitat from disruption and pollution¹.
 - Preserve the status of the EC conservation area. The meeting noted that the conservation area had recently (10-15 years ago?) been reduced in size and whilst this would not be reinstated, we should protect the reduced area, since 'conservation areas' hold less sway in planning than green spaces and important views.
 - Establish that – without further development – the infrastructure (roads, water, sewage, communications, power, public transport) will inhibit further housing and business development.

¹ The last meeting had noted '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.'

Amport Parish Council Neighbourhood Planning

4. **Green spaces and Important views.** The WG considered the latest version of the green spaces and important views (on screen, not yet circulated as the files are too large) and assessed whether they would support the EC NP objectives (above). GG noted that amendments had been suggested to the consultant that protected the conservation area but had not yet been included in the revised draft. **Action:** TG agreed to circulate the documents once they had been received in an appropriate file size. **Action:** GG agreed to follow up with the NPSG the inclusion of revisions to green spaces and important views proposed.

5. **Community Engagement.** The meeting agreed that, once we had assurances about the incorporation of ECWG proposed revisions to the NP documentation, we should hold a community engagement meeting for EC residents to discuss the draft objectives and green spaces and important views – perhaps draft policies – and get feedback and strengthen support for the Parish NP in EC. It was agreed that the event might be at end-Jun 24 in the Scout Hut. **Action.** CoH and TG agreed to consider a ‘flyer’ advertising the event. **Action.** GG and AW agreed to organise the event, working with others in the WG and in EC.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

Tim Grimshaw
Sec ECWG

Geraldine Grimshaw
Chair ECWG

May 24

May 24