

# Compton Neighbourhood Development Plan



## Minutes of the Steering Group Meeting

Held on Monday 13th March 2019 at 7:30pm at The Compton Swan

Those present: Dave Aldis (Chair), Alan Garmonsway (Deputy Chair), Peter McGeehin, Tim Lomax, Rupert Reid, Chris Smith, David Norbury, Sally Duckett, Debbie Smith (Sec).

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### 1) Apologies for Absence

Grant Tuff

### 2) Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were agreed. DN proposed, CS seconded. DA signed (Chair).

### 3) Matters arising

- **Clarification / Policy formation for NDP on matters relating to traffic management**

PMcG made the point that the NDP should not have commented on the WB Highways Agency Consultation Paper on proposed 20mph speed limit through village as it is outside the scope of an NDP. DS made the point that the NDP were not making recommendations or formulating policy on traffic calming measures but responding to public consultation based on the evidence gathered in the NDP Survey. Lengthy debate ensued. RR proposed that the response submitted to WB Highways Agency was acceptable and stood. CS seconded. PMcG proposed that the second paragraph be withdrawn but in the absence of a seconder the proposal falls. DA concluded that while PMcG had made his point well no further action was required.

- **Communication with the Community – DS/SD**

DS has updated the website with latest minutes, progress updates and (finally) the Survey results plus set up Google Analytics to monitor if site being accessed. SD to take on responsibility for Compilations articles and to produce a draft paper for next meeting outlining the objectives of how to increase awareness of /participation in NDP via Social Media.

**Action: SD to produce draft paper outlining objectives for discussion for next meeting.**

### 4) Feedback on meeting with WB Educational Place Planning Team (EPPT)

RR summarised the conclusions from the meeting with Mark Lewis & Fiona Simmonds from WB EPPT. To warrant a new school Compton would need to grow by an additional 500 mixed development houses which would generate around 210 children, i.e. the number required for a single form entry (7 classes of 30 children- Reception to Year 6). 250 houses would be an interim stage but splitting schools across sites isn't recommended. The proposed 140 houses would generate approximately 52 children across the primary school age range, equivalent to 1.5 classes. A downward trend in local birth-rate figures for the past 5 years suggests there is no case for a new Primary School. However, WBEPPT said that the new development would make the Primary school more sustainable.

### 5) Draft Interim Summary report – (RR, DN)

The group discussed the draft report and the perceived intended audience. Many thought the intention was to provide WBDC Planning team with a heads up on the objectives and direction of the NDP while others felt it's purpose was to reflect progress so far. It was felt it should include documents (or references to) evidence gathered so far. Clarification was needed as to whether the Vision Statement was the final agreed version. RR emphasised it was a draft version.

**Action: ALL to thoroughly review document and Vision statement before next meeting and to be clear on document objective and intended audience.**

**Action: Workgroup leads to provide RR with clear statement of objectives and any evidence for inclusion in report by next meeting.**

**6) Community Organising Workshop feedback**

Report back from AG. Attended also by Jo Ramshaw from the CFE&YP workgroup. Most attendees focussed on Community work, with only one other attendee with NDP (Mortimer) background. Many representatives from small villages facing significant housing development. The workshop emphasised that “the better organised the community, the greater the power base and influence the community could use”.

AG used opportunity to network with other NDP attendee and reported that Mortimer didn’t organise around work groups. Instead they a “town hall” approach to consultation and called open meetings with “themed tables” for comments. DS confirmed that the speaker from Mortimer (Pat Winfield ) who addressed this Steering Committee last year (May 2018) had put forward this approach.

**7) Work group lead’s progress feedback**

**a) Housing & Development** - key points from DN:

- i) Deep analysis of survey results almost complete
- ii) Examining the Housing allocation and mix of housing – current mix and HELAA survey indicates what’s needed in the future.
- iii) Establishing contact with Housing Associations
- iv) Pushing back on Homes England to request access to site especially Jenner building and Hostel.
- v) Tim Parry from Community Council for Berkshire (CCB) unaware that HE involved in Pirbright site even though part of HE’s role is to produce funds for Housing Association to build Social Housing.
- vi) Continuing to engage with local landowners re: potential development sites.
- vii) Member of workgroup has contacted Action with Rural Communities in Rural England (ACRE) to set up a meeting.
- viii) Talking to innovative builders
- ix) Aiming to co-opt 2 social housing tenants from Compton onto work group to be more representative.

**b) Environment, Green Space & Parks** – TL reported on current progress.

- i) Mapping Green spaces in and around Compton using the free open source software QGIS following attending the Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre Workshop (TVERC) attended last month.
- ii) Integrate map with Pirbright Site and landscape – AONB
- iii) Researching Locality Neighbourhood Planning Documents
- iv) Disappointed by lack of access to Wildlife Survey organised by HE/Aecom
- v) Reviewing planning documents on WBDC
- vi) Creating a bibliography

**c) Education, Young People, Community & Facilities** – RR progress report

- i) Identifying problems stage
- ii) Dispelling myths on Education / Schools overcrowding. Engaged with Downs School but Primary school less forthcoming.
- iii) Identified issues for Young people including – “Nowhere to go” and “Unable to find out what’s going on and/or who to contact.”
- iv) Issues affecting Community relate to effective communication - how to distribute info to community about what’s on, what’s available
- v) Facilities issues – not enough sporting facilities and associated storage.

**d) Business & Job Opportunities** – CS summarised current position.

- i) Identified 2 core groups – a) Companies that employ and b) Sole traders/one-man bands.
- ii) Created questionnaire specific to each group

- iii) Looking to identify facilities that would be needed by Sole Traders and potential for establishing a Business hub.
- iv) Submitted article to Compilations asking them to get in touch. Intention is to get them to complete a short questionnaire on Survey Monkey.

**8) Options for follow-up workshop led by Consultants - who /where/when and Budget for on-going support**

Deferred to next meeting.

**Action: All to consider whether support/further guidance needed, if so in what form and when.**

**9) Review of Settlement Boundary (proposed agenda item from previous minutes and carried forward from last meeting)**

DS explained to the group that this item had been carried over from several agendas and had first been raised as a possibility during the meeting with WB's planning team back in December 2018. A short discussion followed on the existing settlement boundary. DA asked for someone to propose and second a vote; DN proposed, CS seconded. The steering group voted unanimously in favour of leaving the Settlement Boundary unchanged.

**Action: No further action**

**10) Options for storing/sharing information**

DS has uploaded all documents onto Google Docs and is in the process of working out access permissions and adding members contact details to Gmail. Once complete links will be sent out to the team.

**Action: DS to share link to Google Docs.**

**11) AOB**

none

**12) Date of next meeting Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 @ 7:30pm in "The Foinavon" Compton.**