

Long Melford Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

MINUTES OF MEETING

held on Thursday 14 November 2019 at the URC, Long Melford

Present

J Ewbank (Chairman of the Steering Group), I McDonald, G Eade, I Bartlett, J Thomson, C Watts, D Watts

1. Apologies:

There were apologies for absence from: J Nunn, R Kemp, L Tipper, J Burch , E Malvisi

2. Minutes of 12 September meeting:

Approved

3. Timetable:

Latest timetable circulated by IMcD. Issues raised:

- Still awaiting answers to questions sent to BDC several weeks ago. JE to chase.
- Hope to get draft of Plan to Rosey Eade by w/b 25 Nov (but there may need to be further changes as a result of the SEA)
- Still to do Basic Conditions (IMcD)
- Still to finish Statement of Consultations but it is 90% complete (JE)
- Hoping to get draft approved by PC and sent to BDC before Christmas
- Indigo Ross design of report to start when BDC passes the Plan to the examiner
- Agreed to add a Public Open Meeting in May once the Referendum date is set

4. Skylarks submission to PINS:

We have been offered the chance to make a further submission ref Skylarks Appeal as the decision date has been put back to 23 Jan latest. Agreed to do this – IMcD to draft.

5. SEA:

IMcD has talked to AECOM and they don't expect many significant necessary changes

6. Environmental policy:

Need to ensure that the NP is consistent with PC Environmental Policy. JE and GE to review after SEA received

7. Hamilton Land:

NP team inclined to commission a Heritage Impact and Mitigation assessment. IMcD to meet Hamilton trustees and their surveyor on 18 Nov.

8. Antiques centre:

IMcD to check our existing policy about employment buildings becoming residential and whether we need to tweak it in the light of the Antiques centre closing

9. Clinical Commissioning Group:

JE reported on meeting with Lois Wreathall (Head of Primary Care) on 18 Sept and another arranged for 22 January to include Dr Browning (Chair of CCG and partner in Long Melford GP practice). Policy on surgery has been deleted and turned into a Community Action with the following words:

The Parish Council will consult with the GP practice and the Patient Participation Group and will offer support for improved and expanded healthcare provision within the village, when appropriate. The Parish Council will prioritise health care in its bids for and use of CIL funds.

10. Progress on other issues:

JT reported on progress of the circular walks project and the possibility of getting grants from BDC and SCC (IB to help with this).

New car park up and looking good at Village Hall.

Now agreed 20 year lease (not signed yet) on car park near Old School. But unlikely to be able to get grant for resurfacing etc from BDC because the land is leasehold not freehold. Other funding avenues will be explored by representatives from the PC

Festive Long Melford all set for Sat 23 November with lots going on

11. Dates of 2020 Meetings

Next meeting Thursday 23 Jan , 7pm URC.

JE to circulate dates of subsequent meetings at 2-monthly intervals.