

Long Melford Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

NOTES OF INFORMAL MEETING

held remotely on Zoom on Thursday 17 September 2020

Present

J Ewbank (Chairman of the Steering Group), I McDonald, J Thomson, C Watts, D Watts, R Kemp, E Malvisi

1. Apologies:

J Burch

2. Housing

DW to forward to IMcD his earlier comments that have not yet been included. IMcD to review the definition of 'local people' in the light of comments (eg including people who had moved out of the LM to more affordable homes in Sudbury or Cornard, excluding people who live in outlying villages but had never lived in LM).

Agreed to disregard Govt planning changes that could result in higher housing requirements for Suffolk/Babergh.

RK confirmed that there was no CIL on Chilton Woods – it was all S106.

3. VS&F

Agreed that the latest draft was too narrow and that chunks of the previous draft should be re-instated, including, eg, survey details ref the GP surgery, school having received a good OFSTED rating, more on green space, parking, cycle routes etc. Include recommendations that have already come to fruition (eg Village Hall parking).

IMcD to review, then DW/CW to redo chapter in consultation with JB/JT/IB.

4. Community Objectives

Agreed to use 'Community Objectives' instead of 'Community Actions'.

5. JB comments

Rural Gap – biodiversity to be included in this section. IMcD to liaise with EM ref this.

Flood Meadows – it was reported that the Environment Agency says Cutler's land beside Liston Lane is a flood risk and therefore cannot be built on. (NOTE from DW: I subsequently looked at EA info and it appears that the land behind the farm as far as New Road – and a bit further in part – is not classed as at risk of flooding from the river. So we may want to revisit this. See attached screenshot.)

Additional play areas – agreed these were needed at north and south ends of the village.

Cycle ways – Hall St is a non-starter. Valley Walk would be good but laying a sealed surface is a controversial issue. From the Old School to Cavendish and to Lavenham may be possible. Need to set up a working group to progress cycle ways.

Traffic:

JE reported news from the Traffic Group:

- We have the funding to support troughs near Budgens to prevent parking on the pavement in that vicinity.
- The Traffic Group is looking at the possibility parking on the green near Roman Way. After discussion it was agreed that this was not a good idea as the green area is an important feature of the village.
- Providing electric changing points is a good idea if they can be funded.
- The idea of making Hall Street and Little St Mary's a 20mph zone met with approval.

6. Basic Conditions:

Chapter to be written asap by IMcD and and JE

7. Date of next meeting

Thursday 19 November, 7pm.