



SOULTON ROAD WEM COMMUNITY-LED HOUSING PROJECT STEERING GROUP

Minutes of the Meeting of the Steering Group held on Thursday 9 May 2013, at the Council Chamber, Edinburgh House, Wem starting at 6.15pm

Present:

Members: Cllr Tim Wilton-Morgan (Chair), Mr Delwyn Davies, Cllr Chris Mellings,
Cllr Jon Murgatroyd and Mr Pieter van der Westhuizen

Clerk: Carole Warner

Members of the Public: Three

In attendance: Cllr Peter Broomhall

SG28/13 Public Participation Time

Mr N Robinson advised he was interested to hear the update on the Housing Need figures.

SG29/13 Apologies for absence

Cllr Len Staines, Mrs Maria Howell and Mrs Helen Pugh

SG30/13 Minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2013 to be approved and signed.

Following discussion on the basis on how minutes were recorded, the Minutes of the meeting were approved and signed.

SG31/13 To review any updates with the project progress including community concerns

The Group reviewed progress using the document prepared by the Clerk which had been updated with the latest responses. Comments regarding the updates included:

Housing Need

- Analysis supplied by Mrs Howell had confirmed an interest in 1 bedroomed homes.
- It was noted that Severnside Housing had previously confirmed that it would not develop one bedroomed housing.
- Concerns were raised that the mix of properties did not reflect current demand within Wem Rural.

Community Concerns

- A review of the Site Meeting with Highways Officers was provided by those who had attended. It was noted that the previous comments by Officers regarding turning left had been revised and that turning right was also to be expected.
- HM Inspector of Railway's email (and attachments) dated 3 May 2013 to an Ash Grove resident was circulated to members. Several comments were highlighted including those relating to the pedestrian crossing.
- Guidance on the spacing between road junctions had not been clarified at the Site Meeting although some guidelines had been found on the internet. These could not be confirmed as current or relevant to this situation.
- It was reported that speed monitoring carried out in 2010 recorded average speeds of 36-38mph. It was also reported that Police would happily carry out covert speed monitoring.
- Concerns were expressed to the level of on-site parking and whether it was adequate.
- The Clerk advised that Shropshire Council was not aware of any flooding issues in the area. She strongly recommended that any issue be reported to the appropriate department as and when they occur.
- All other updates were noted.

Mr van der Westhuizen advised he was disturbed by articles in the Shropshire Star about the Planning Application and in particular the accuracy of the statements contained in the supporting documents. It was agreed that the Planning Process should address these issues.

SG32/13 To agree date of next meeting and to consider future agenda items

The Clerk advised that as the Planning Application had been submitted it would be unlikely that any outstanding issues would be responded to by Shropshire Council. It was therefore agreed that the Steering Group would not meet again until the Planning Application had been determined by Shropshire Council. The Progress Report would be published once updated.

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