

Notes of Pool-in-Wharfedale Steering Group Meeting 6th July 2015

Present: John Porter, Gavin Barlow, Jo Rowling, Alexa Ruppertsburg, Pat Lazenby, Ian Walton (Energy Manager Hull University)

Apologies: Jeremy Griffin, Nic Griffin, Barry Anderson, Jean Fisher

1. **Minutes** of the previous meeting. Received and agreed.
2. **Matters arising:**
 - i. Cllr Ryk Downes chaired the ONW Liaison workshop meeting attended by Alexa and Nic. Some relevant information was gathered but in general the meeting was not found to be helpful. **Action:** Ailsa is to contact the Parish Clerk to contact our neighbouring parishes Adel Otley Bramhope and Carlton with the hope of working to the best advantage of all areas with related interests. Gavin will contact Lower Wharfedale with the same aim in mind.

3. **Ian Walton Presentation.**

Ian had been invited to talk about the possibilities of developing property which demonstrates best environmental standards in design and energy management. The steering group hold the opinion that any future development in Pool should be of a high standard and reflect best practice in terms of energy management.

Legislation is already in existence that will assist in establishing high standards of building. Building Regulations part L1a/L1b and part 2a/b cover new design for commercial and domestic building.

BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Methodology), first published by the Building Research Establishment (BRE) in 1990, is the world's longest established method of assessing, rating, and certifying the sustainability of buildings.

See website: <http://www.breeam.org/about.jsp?id=66>

The term passive house (Passivhaus in German) refers to a rigorous, voluntary standard for energy efficiency in a building, reducing its ecological footprint. It results in ultra-low energy buildings that require little energy for space heating or cooling. A similar standard, MINERGIE-P, is used in Switzerland.

See website: <http://www.phius.org/what-is-passive-building->

Builders are already aware of BREEAM and it is widely recognised that compliance to these standards will increase the chances of planning permission being granted.

Energy Management looks at the wider issues of encouraging use of public transport, garden development and disabled parking.

Infrastructure and environmental impact can be considered in all future development by applying the BREEAM excellence standards.

Renewable energy within the community:

- a) France has a policy of new buildings to be made with either green roof or solar panels on the roof.

- b) Otley Garnetts site developers are re-instating a weir to gain power generation from the River Wharfe.
- c) Heat pumps from the river or ground may be considered
- d) Feeding tariffs may be available from any renewable power source.
- e) Sewage Systems can make use of Anerobic or Pyrolicise systems – as used on the Isle of Wight.

Ian has offered to put information together and agreed to join the steering group.

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4. **Planning Application:** Local farmer David Holmes has an agricultural building located on the PAS area that was earmarked for development in the latest site allocation plan. It is also located directly on the route of the proposed ‘Greenway’ cyclepath. Concerns were expressed by members of the steering group. Since the meeting LCC planners have refused planning permission due to access issues.
5. **Allotments:** Results from the consultation documents returned show a desire for allotments in the village. It was noted that where 6 residents make a request for provision of allotments a parish council has a duty to make provision. This information will be sent to Pool Parish Council for their information.
6. **Event 3:** The steering group were active at the opening of Pool Riverside Park. Questionnaires were completed by a good number of people. **Its** planned to repeat the process at Pool Feast later in July. The survey is also available on the NP website. Agreed: our objective is to complete 4 consultations and use the information to create a survey for the whole community.
Action : Alexa R will investigate involvement of other organisations including
 - Transport: Metro/First

John P will research Transport Consultants

7. **Feedback on Out North West Community Committee NP Workshop:**

The aim is to promote and share good practice. Subjects discussed included ‘Vision’ and ‘Draft Policy Documents’. 18 councillors were present plus 2 reps from Pool Steering Group – Alexa and Jean.

Points to consider:

- a) Consult with neighbouring communities to produce a unified approach. However this is only effective if the communities are at a similar stage of preparation.
- b) Clifton Parish Council is a recommended simple example of a plan – Ian McKay (LCC) will make this available.
- c) Examiners report documents are on LCC website for perusal.
- d) Average voter turnout for referendums is 32%
- e) Alexa and Jean noted that Pool NP was at an earlier stage than the other groups. A significant number of surveys had been done by other groups.
- f) A summary report will eventually be circulated.

8. Updates:

- a) Pool Chamber of Commerce – Leeds, Bradford and North Yorkshire chamber will soon accept small groups to enter full membership as a group. John will work on a list of companies in Pool.
- b) School Engagement Project – A meeting is scheduled for 9th July with Mrs Fox (Headteacher at Pool School) and Jean, Jo, Alexa plus other staff from the school. The school is planning a design and technology week and it is suggested they might use information from our surveys and work in small groups based on particular interest areas.

9. Planning for September meeting to include following issues:

- a) Greenway
- b) Chevin Park
- c) Burial Grounds

John is keen to include Leisure/Wellbeing for healthy environments

Pool Feast is on July 12th. 2 more event dates are to be set. Posters and publicity should describe why the public should attend to engage as much support as possible.

Agreed: Next event should be in November to allow time for full preparation. A subgroup to be appointed for planning the event.

Date and time of next meeting:

7pm Monday 7th September 22015

Pool Village Hall Meeting Room