

Pool Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Notes of meeting 3rd April 2017

Attending: Chair: Jeremy Griffin, John Porter, Cllr Barry Anderson, Cllr Gavin Barlow, Cllr Ailsa Bearpark.

Apologies: Cllr Jo Rowling, Alexa Rupertsberg, Nic Griffin

Notes of previous meeting accepted.

Matters Arising: All covered by the agenda.

1. Parish Council request for an overview of progress to be prepared prior to grant application for funding. The steering group is ready to apply for funding to enable employment of a firm of consultants – Directions Planning Consultants based in Harrogate - to assist with the preparation of a draft document 'Policy Intention Document'. Total funding available over a three year period available will be £9000. Jeremy will prepare this document and present at the next Parish Council meeting so that an informed and clear picture of progress to date will be available when councillors vote to apply for funding for next stage of plan preparation.
2. Current status on local development planning applications
 - a) Chapel Hill Rd: – A modified plan has been submitted however at time of writing this application has been refused permission by LCC. Grounds were based on lack of transport connectivity, traffic congestion issues. Importantly LCC have also said they want to plan for the full development of potential sites in Pool-in-Wharfedale and not have incremental development without increased infrastructure to support the needs of the community. This is in line with the approach of the NP steering group and Pool Parish Council (PPC).
 - b) Redesign of Shell Service Station: A meeting has been held with PPC, LCC planners and Shell agents. Little progress has been made regarding traffic control or pedestrian safety. LCC planners are still developing plans for some form of redirections of traffic flow and crossings. Shell are keen to progress the refurbishment of the fuel tanks on the site as they are nearer the end of their safe leak free life.
 - c) Taylor Wimpey Pool Rd: No further information available.
 - d) Pool Bridge: Barry has established that the bridge is grade 2 listed but does not have * status. This means that no mandatory consultation with English Heritage needs to be done with initial planning applications as it lacks the * (star status).
3. Policy Intention Documents: Directions Planning Consultants report has been received. The anticipated cost of preparation of the documents is c.£5706 for preparation and c.£1800 for printing. This seems to be in line with other NP group experiences. Agreed we need to establish why the daily rate of £500 is used through out and not the cheaper administration rate. Jeremy will take up this issue with Mike Dando of DPC and also liaise with PPC clerk John Ryan over grant application process and PPC procurement rules.

4. Burial Ground resource in Pool: No further information is available on this issue. PPC will be in contact with St Wilfrid's Church PCC to establish their own requirements.

5. Pool Village Memorial Hall (PVMH): The trustees of PVMH are keen to develop the facilities of the hall. Plans include extension of the ground floor space, increased accessibility including the installation of a lift. The hall is already very well used and is the only significant parking space in the community. The surface of the parking area is in immediate need of restoration.
It was agreed that this facility should be included in the NP as its significance will increase with any future development of Pool and its potential to enrich the life of the community is highly relevant.

6. AOB: Direction Planning Consultants will be invited to join our next meeting if funding can be agreed with PPC to progress the NP draft.

Date and time of next meeting:

2pm Monday 24th April 2017 at PVMH