

Minutes of the Dunsfold Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on Monday 3rd September at 6pm

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Alaistair Bentall
John Gray
Lynne Hamill
Steven Haines (Chairman)
Rob Nunn
Julia Quaile (Secretary)

In Attendance

Dave Barton
Shaun Devoto
Roy Enticknap
Celeste Lawrence
Mary Ann Pryor

1. Apologies

Apologies received from James Field, Bob Lees and Larry Westland.

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 3rd July

The minutes were agreed.

On matters arising and not on the agenda, LH reported she had circulated to the Steering Group AECOM's Housing Needs Assessment report and SCA Housing Needs Survey report on 3 August.

3. Strategic Environmental Assessment

LH said she had received from AECOM the first draft of the "scoping report" to be sent to Historic England, Natural England and the Environment Agency. It ran to some 50 pages, including much information on the policy background but it was weak on local information. She had sent it back with detailed comments and once a revised version was received, would circulate it to the Group.

4. Residents' Survey Report

SH said we have some analysis but BL is working on incorporating the comments SH will talk to BL about this.

5 The Vision

SD has been asked to prepare a vision statement. He said a vision statement was a way of coming out of detail and agreeing what we want to achieve with the Neighbourhood Plan. The statement could either be a paragraph or a page or more.

SD referred to LH's list of possible topics for policies for the Neighbourhood Plan and said this could be the framework. However, it was quickly recognised that there would be problems if the vision statement simply became a long list of topics to be covered. It also became clear that the Group thought there was much of value in the village that we wanted to maintain. SD said he would give the matter further thought.

The question of the village's hopes of becoming an area of outstanding natural beauty was also raised and CL said she would follow this up with Natural England

6. Call for Sites Assessment

LH had circulated AECOM's report on site assessments to the Steering Group on 24 August. SH suggested the Group meet with Gayle Wootton to discuss it and to seek her advice about how we should proceed. JQ will organise this.

JG said there only needed to be a further 15 – 35 houses to fulfil our requirement. SH said we must organise a village meeting to get the village's views. This should be before Christmas.

JQ suggested the group visit the sites so that they were better informed in deciding policies. She will organise a time.

7. Date of next meeting: to be determined by the availability of Gayle Wootton.