

PETWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2013 IN THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Mr N Fox (Chairman), Mrs E Hodgkins,
Mr B Walsh, Dr R Pawsey, Mr D Burden
and Mr D Cooper.

CLERK: Mrs J Huggett.

1. Apologies were received from Mr K Lintill and Mrs C Goldthorp.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

These were agreed subject to the following amendment.

2 Welcome and introductions. Line 1. After 'Mr Fox' delete the remainder of the line.

3. SUB-COMMITTEES UPDATE

Mr Fox asked if anyone had been able to come across information that would be of help. Dr Pawsey said she had been researching on the website, she had not been very successful in finding any funding sources but had established that the government are committed to providing funding up to 2015 for Neighbourhood Planning. Mrs Hodgkins produced an e-mail she had sent Mr Tim Ritchings at the South Downs National Park, and the response she had received from Mr Andrew Triggs. Copies were circulated, Mrs Hodgkins referred to the various websites mentioned by Mr Triggs, there was obviously plenty of information available but the more she found out the more confusing it became. During the discussion that followed it was agreed that Thame, although a much larger town than Petworth, appeared to have more in common than, for instance, Kirdford, which is a small village. Mr Triggs should be there to help and it was interesting to note he considered that both Thame and Kirdford are taking a risk in going ahead with their Neighbourhood plans for examination prior to the core strategy being completed. Mr Fox said despite this we must go ahead and not wait for the District Council and National Park strategies to be completed.

Mr Cooper referred to a 'Getting Started' Discussion Document he had produced, he circulated copies, took members through the contents and answered questions. A long discussion followed during which it was agreed

that this would be a very good basis on which to work. Mr Fox thanked him for the work he had put into this.

Mr Fox said before proceeding any further the first decision that must be taken is to agree the boundary for the Neighbourhood Plan. When this is done it will have to go to the Town Council for formal approval. He showed members a map of the parish boundary and asked for views on this. Asked if Duncton quarry is within the parish boundary Mr Fox said it isn't, and if it is to be brought in this will mean including Duncton Parish Council. Mr Burden didn't think this to be a good idea. It was finally agreed there will be enough work within the parish and it will complicate the issue if other parishes are to be included. Mr Fox to obtain copies of the boundary for all members.

After further discussion Mr Fox asked that all member use the Thame consultation as their basis, photocopies were circulated of the 'Contents' page which will make it easier for everyone to look up the various headings and only print the parts that are relevant to this parish. Mrs Hodgkins said if everyone would like to send them to her she will collate them. Her offer was gratefully accepted. Mr Fox asked her to bring these to the next meeting when a brief can then be put together. Finally the following actions were agreed.

- (1) Mr Fox to put to the Town Council for formal approval at its meeting on 17th January that the area to be included will be the parish boundary.

(Clerk's Note: This was unanimously approved by the Town Council.)

- (2) Mr Fox to ask the Finance and General Purposes committee for finance for the project.

(Clerk's Note: £1,000 has been put into next year's Budget.)

- (3) Mr Fox to investigate possible consultants who would be willing to come and give a presentation to assist in the process and inform the committee how to find additional information.

- (4) Consultation with various bodies, i.e. Leconfield Estate, Petworth Business Association, Petworth Community Association and Petworth Society.

- (5) Mr Fox to look at possible funding sources.

- (6) All members to look at the Thame document and pick out the bullet points that apply to this parish.

4. DATE OR NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 12th March in the Council office at 7.00 pm.

(Clerk's Note: I subsequently found I was already at a meeting that night, so the date has been changed to the following Tuesday 19th March.)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.