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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING MEETING
Held on 23 January 2019 at 18:30 at the Pavilion, Meriden Sports Park

Present: Cllr M Lee (ML), Mr M Barlow (MBlw), Mr J Edwards (JE), Mrs S Edwards (SE) and Ms S Sharland (SS)

1. Welcome & Apologies

ML welcomed members of the group and accepted apologies from Cllr Weaver (RW), Cllr Bell (DB), Cllr P Lee (PL), Mr N Pearson (NP) whose attendance was deferred to February's meeting, Mr L Edwards (LE), Mr G Russell (GR) and Mrs B Bland (BB).

2. Minutes of 18-12-18

Minutes were approved.

2.1 Matters arising & actions

All covered under agenda items listed.

3. Meriden's Housing Need Survey produced by WRCC – approved by Meriden Parish Council

ML advised that the parish council had approved the survey at their EGM on 7 January 2019. MBlw stated that it would be fully recognised by SMBC once announced and live on our website.

Action: ML to feature it on the parish council's website and advise Mblw when it goes live.

4. Housing Needs Assessment update – awaiting revised assessment following feedback sent to AECOM 17/12/18

ML reported that AECOM have not come back yet with their amended assessment but in essence their assessment suggests that Meriden's commitment to providing housing has been met since all the homes built or given permission to build since 2011, including the recent approval of 8 houses at Shirley's Garage. The assessment also concluded that future housing needs in Meriden would be Affordable Housing only for smaller homes e.g. 1 to 2-bedroomed properties. SE asked if the 8 houses at Shirley's Garage would come off SMBC's original allocation of 50 houses at Birmingham Road in the Draft Local Plan 2016. MBlw stated that no it wouldn't as SMBC does not count 'windfalls'. He also remarked that AECOM are still contacting SMBC for housing data as they did for Meriden, more recently in regard to Hockley Heath.

5. Open Green Spaces

ML advised that no further photos were needed for green spaces as Jan and Neil of Avon Planning had taken them all and had sent them over.

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SS reported that she and BB had identified an open green space in Millison's Wood which the parish council acknowledged had been considered as a designated play area but was deemed too small. MBlw stated it is considered as an 'amenity' and SMBC would have set it aside as an Open Space in accordance with NPPF.

Action: ML to advise Avon Planning to add it to the list of their assessments

6. Update on Mapping Options

MBlw reported that they had received Jan's (Avon Planning) mapping requests but they were flat out working on Solihull's Local Plan. ML advised that the parish council had approved Avon Planning's quote to produce the maps.

SS enquired about tree mapping and not just the TPOs because they only have a TPO if at threat which MBlw confirmed. ML asked MBlw if there was any software that could accommodate the maps of which he advised yes but we would need the TPO numbers. ML asked SS if she could try and draw their locations on the base maps for Avon Planning to reproduce. JE asked how many TPOs do we have in Meriden. SS responded 20 but the figure includes groups of trees and several individual trees. Can we identify the groups? SE remarked there were loads at Meriden Hall Mobile Park, SS added there were loads on the grounds of Meriden Hall itself. SS was welcomed by Meriden Hall to have a look at the time she visited. She also was accompanied by a Meriden-born Coventry Tree Warden who was very happy to help. SS concluded it would be good to map all the trees so everyone could see where they are, raising awareness. ML asked MBlw if any other Neighbourhood Plan had done this and he confirmed yes for TPOs only. SS added that the Open University are doing a citizen siting to plot on their website but when it was completed wondered how we could access it.

Action: ML to check with Avon Planning about including tree mapping as per SS's suggestion.

7. Pre-submission V10 – progress update

ML asked the group to review V10 that she sent to them through WeTransfer and send comments back by the end of the month. ML said to MBlw that she would share it with him once the pre-submission draft had been polished off by NP of Avon Planning who has a window in early February. MBlw advised that he would circulate it to SMBC internally who would need two weeks or so to comment.

Action: Group to review V10 and submit any comments to ML by end of January. ML to send polished version to MBlw when ready.

8. Regulation 14 consultation – revised timeline and drop-in sessions

SE asked if printing was required for the drop-in session at the Village Hall on 9 March. ML replied that this would be worked out closer to the time. SE and JE confirmed that they would be there to support.

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9. Any other business

MBlw commented on the Supplementary Draft to 2016's Local Plan that there was nothing changed in this latest one for Meriden. Their consultation would likely start next week running through to Mid-March. There is no consultation in Meriden as nothing's changed but the nearest one is in Balsall Common on Saturday 16 February.

MBlw also advised new people had started at SMBC and that Ms Jo Wort will probably attend the next NDP meeting as she will be the main contact. Jo is part-time and works Wednesdays and Thursdays.

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 20 February at 6.30pm. SS gave her apologies and that she would not be able to add any additional information to the draft until later in March. ML asked when the Tree Survey would be completed. SS said to go with what she had already sent as it would take time to complete.

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