

Village Plan Steering Committee Report to Effingham Parish Council

18th May 2015

Summary

A busy period for VPSC in which we have completed

Progress in the last month

- Consultation Forum
 - VPSC has set up a Consultation Forum for residents currently running at 168 members.
 - A similar forum for village organisation has also been set up. This is currently being built and currently stands at 21 members.
 - An advertising campaign is planned through making leaflets available in local shops, member get member schemes, and through working with local groups and societies such as EFFRA
 - A scheme for young people is also planned.
- Housing site numbers, site identifications & Evaluation
 - VPSC met to devise a suitable process for evaluating potential development sites. This is proposed to be accepted by EPC at today's meeting. It has been discussed with GBC technical team and proposed on the basis that it reflects Local Plan requirements in addition to more stringent requirements (eg impact on key local roads)
 - 15 possible sites have been identified through discussion with
 - GBC / SHLA process (Sites that must be considered)
 - Local Residents and landowners / developers
 - EFFRA
 - All sites will be reviewed at the next meeting of VPSC using the agreed process.
 - All landowners who have expressed an interest will be invited to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan requirements over the next month (See LH letter)
- Development of the Village Design Statement
- Consultation with EFFRA
 - A number of meetings and discussions have taken place with members of the EFFRA committee who have raised concerns about sites and about their participation in the plan. VPSC has addressed these both in meetings and in writing (see document attached for issues and responses)
- Review with GBC NDP team

Next Key Actions

- Agree TORs for the VPSC under new EPC.
- Write to landowners / developers
- Evaluate Sites using agreed process
- Meet to review VDS formally
- Engage with Resident and village organisation groups
- Draft the next Village wide survey
- Continue evidence build for policies

Key Decisions

EPC approval is required for

- Revised TORs for the VPSC / election of Chair VPSC
- Proposed letter to land owners
- The proposed process for site selection
- The VDS – Meeting to review final draft
- Positing of minutes to website

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