

GARGRAVE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP
Gargrave Village Hall
Thursday 4 August 2016

Present: Edward Bartle, Cllr Peter Ward, Cllr David Syms, Cllr Janet Sugden, Jane & Rufus Drake, Chris Lloyd, Mike Palin, Ian Maxwell, Louise Kirkup of Kirkwells and Clerk, Kath Ashby.

1. To receive apologies – Cllr Janet Turner

2. To approve the Minutes of 1 June 2016 – non available this evening.

3. Matter arising from the Minutes of 1 June 2016 – nothing raised.

4. Louise Kirkup: Current situation with regard to the NP submission, CDC's Local Plan consultation, site GA009 and SEA etc.

Louise told the meeting she had today spoken with Henry Cumbers who did not have any good news for her. He had spoken with Mike Bedford NYCC today and he does not want to specify any particular sites for the time being. He also says that regarding the Saw Mill site, the EA have put strong objection to it on flooding and other issues and that the site is likely to be turned down.

In terms of the LP, the same advice really you need to submit formal representation from the Parish Council before the closing date. HC did say that he sees the NP and LP coming together but in terms of GA009 he also said they are going out to tender for consultants, and although they own this site, it is possible they may want to look at other sites that are less expensive and more accessible.

The Parish Council need to make representation by the 19 August and you need to think about the whole of the preferred sites and say what your comments are.

PW told the meeting that as EA have objected to the Saw Mill site, and it is not in the LP as a chosen site, it seems there is a good chance it will not be refused. Could this be challenged legally if the owner can make flood defences at a reasonable cost? RD pointed out that change of use under 106 is quite clear. LK told the meeting that if the EA object it means it is quite a strong objection and the likelihood is it will be refused.

PW raised the question of why Gargrave have 280% more than everywhere else ?
LK explained that CDC have to make provision for the Extra Care Facility and there has to be enough capacity for this.

EB told the meeting that we already have 85% of what we want. RD asked EB if he had raised the question of Local Green Spaces and EB told the meeting he had not as he did not want to complicate the situation at this time.

PW told the meeting that he felt that we should stick with the NP. MP the process was the important thing.

EB asked LK for her advice - as the NP was recently approved by the PC and submitted to CDC, you can write representations on that basis. In terms of the process, she would not get involved in changing the processes, nothing we need to particularly do. CDC are not delaying our NP, they are awaiting Natural England's comments and SEA information they need before they can publish the NP. Your NP will be adopted, HC sees it coming together with the LP.

CL told the meeting he felt that the LP is very much in line with what we are wanting and the group should not worry about the building on local green spaces. Sites such as Chew Lane and land by the Cricket Field, none of that is going to happen and CDC have chosen two of our sites. There is an over provision but that can be corrected. If you compare GA031 and GA009, the latter is a much better site. CL felt that what we have achieved is very good and we should not get too involved in processes and procedures.

PW said that the question is we either stick with what we already have or we roll over and take that extra site (GA009).

EB told the meeting that if the Saw Mill site gets turned down, we must make sure that we have enough numbers in our plan. If these numbers are sufficient we are okay, if on the other hand we have not get sufficient sites we will have to look for another site. PW felt the density would cope if we build on the whole of GA031 and not just part of the site as previously mentioned.

LK told the meeting that she is happy to write the wording for the representation but there will be a charge for this and she would need confirmation from the Parish Council to go ahead.

PW asked if MP and LK could between them prepare the wording for the Parish Council to make a representation covering all the points raised including the local green spaces. MP confirmed he would get his comments to LK before Monday 8 August and LK will let the PC have a quote for this work so that it can be approved at the monthly meeting that evening. She will then prepare a letter with the comments for the PC to send to whoever they wish and send to CDC as their representation.

PW confirmed once received the representation to CDC would be made, together with letters to individuals at CDC and also County Councillors.

No other business.

No date for a meeting arranged.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.