

Minutes of the Colyton Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

1st August 2018 7.30pm

Town Hall Boardroom

Members Present: Caroline Collier (Chair), Colin Pady, Helen Parr, Steve Selby, Elaine Stratford, David Page & Paul Weston plus 5 members of the public

Apologies : Steve Real, Robert Griffin

Public Question Time: A member of the public said that the NPPF had recently been amended which he felt gave more scope for developers and asked if the amended NPPF would be taken into account in the Neighbourhood Plan. Paul Weston replied saying that yes the plan has to demonstrate that it is in accordance with the framework. He has made changes in the draft plan as necessary. The interpretation re Colyton would not really affect us.

Another member of the public raised the subject of the planning application on the old cricket ground in Colyford and said that the Housing Needs Survey stated that no Affordable Housing was needed in Colyford, would the affordable housing be included in the Ceramtec site. In response it was noted that the Housing Needs survey was a “snapshot in time” stating the demand was for homes in Colyton. It was also pointed that the Housing Needs survey covered the whole parish and the affordable housing could be anywhere in the parish

A member of the public asked to be allowed to ask questions at the end of the meeting, this was agreed

Ceramtec Site: ** A response had now been received in reply to our letter to Homes England. It stated that they were expecting to submit their planning application to EDDC by the end of the week. Our letter to Homes England was to be included as an Appendix to their Planning Statement. They offered to update us with some headline messages about the Planning Application once the documents are uploaded to the Planning Portal – agreed to accept this offer.

Agreed to include the Ceramtec site planning application with our public consultation on the Draft NH Plan, so that the public could comment on both.

The recently constituted CLT was having a meeting with Homes England on 22nd August

**Helen Parr declared an interest and took no part in the discussion on the Ceramtec site

Report on meeting with Highways re Car Parking: The meeting had not taken place as Steven Kelly had cancelled due to other commitments. Mr Kelly said that some of the issues raised were strategic issues and were not his domain, they should be raised through the Parish Council. Some issues were outside the remit of a Neighbourhood plan, others

including parking issues we need to decide how we would like to work on them. Paul Weston pointed out that traffic and parking issues raised during consultations do not necessarily have land use solutions. It was stated that some members of the public were confused about the meeting. Traffic management needs addressing and the Parish Council should take the lead to move on, for example, the Colyford pedestrian crossing, Highways dealing with the Parish Council but with support from locals giving information. David Page was asked to pass his list of issues to the Parish Council

Discussion on Draft Plan: Paul Weston had amended the references to reflect the new NPPF, some quotes in the 2012 NPPF were not in the 2018 NPPF. Paul had proof read our Draft Plan and asked members to email any typos to him, the document will then be ready to go as a first draft. It is to be sent to Phil Twamley at EDDC for an informal consultation, when he has done this it will be shared with the community as first consultation draft. All statement and workshop reports to be put on the website before the consultations. Elaine felt that it is important people know who is involved with production of the plan.

Thanks were expressed to Paul Weston for all his work in relation to the production of the Plan and thanks were also recorded to Phil Twamley for producing the necessary maps.

Discussion took place on the vision statement, agreed to amend the strapline to read “a uniquely characterful and caring place to live and work”

Colin Pady proposed the acceptance of the Draft Plan, seconded by Steve Selby and agreed by all

Public consultation on First Draft: Agreed to book Colyford Hall for Saturday 22nd September 9am-12noon. Colyton date to be confirmed

Publicity for the events – a piece was being included in the Carnival programme. Flyers could probably be distributed with Carnival Market leaflets. The Coly Times could also be included as an advertising platform, as could Colyford round robin and Colyford Residents Association. Steve Selby offered to distribute some flyers in Colyford. Agreed to form a sub-committee to progress publicity, members to be Caroline, Elaine, Colin, David & Carol. To meet on 9th August at 2pm. Elaine to notify members.

Additional Public Questions: A member of the public agreed with the parking issues but that it was unlikely that Homes England would want to use land as a Car Park.

Mr West offered to speak to the Grammar School.

Any other business: Paul Weston would be away from 10th-17th August

Next meeting: Thursday 30th August at 2pm

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

