

AWBRIDGE NDP WORKING GROUP

NOTE OF MEETING ON MONDAY 11 JULY 2022

Attendees: [REDACTED]

Apologies for absence: [REDACTED]

Note of meeting on 6 June 2022: No amendments were proposed to the meeting note. Identified actions had been completed.

DC had conveyed the requirements of the Working Group to Sharon Brentnall, and with her help had prepared and submitted an application to Locality for funding to support her consultancy and a several other expenses that would be incurred in developing the NDP (including an annual subscription to Parish Online). A copy of the application had been circulated to members of the Working Group, and also to the Parish Council.

GP had written to Ian Milsom (Parish Clerk) asking him to open a subscription to Parish Online, and that had been done.

PW had looked further at the scope for pull-in bays in Danes Road, and had concluded that they were unlikely to be practicable because of difficulties with sight-lines.

GP's paper on housing and development had been circulated in electronic form, and Sarah Hughes from TVBC had submitted some helpful comments to assist discussion of it.

Update on grant applications: A message had just been received that the grant from Locality had been awarded, providing funding up to a maximum of £9,973.

The outcome of an application from the Parish Council to TVBC for a further £1,000 was still awaited.

Site visit by Sharon Brentnall: It was agreed that the visit should start at 9.00 am on Friday 22 July, with participants meeting at the village hall. It was hoped that as many members of the working group as possible would join the visit (or part of it), and Parish Councillors and other interested local residents would also be most welcome. The visit would take several hours, and possible routes were discussed, bearing in mind the points of interest to be highlighted (see below). Most of the roads in the village would be covered, as well as several footpaths.

Those planning to attend were asked to check their email up to 8.30 am on 22 July, in case there were any changes to the itinerary (e.g. because of exceptionally bad weather).

Points of interest to be highlighted to Sharon during the site visit: These would include the following:

- Listed Buildings, or buildings of local importance – 15 buildings in the village were currently listed, but it was also important to identify other buildings that were thought to be of local importance.

- Examples of modern buildings which are considered to be undertaken to a high standard or buildings which are thought to be a good example of positive development – Spring Field and Cowleas Cottages were proposed as examples of good development from different eras. It would also be helpful to identify recent developments that were less satisfactory (e.g. because of their density or a design that was out of keeping with other houses in the village).
- Potential local green spaces – these might include the greens in and next to Cowleas Cottages, the village playing field, field and woodland between Danes Road and Newtown Road, woodland below Cowleas Cottages and behind Saunders Lane, and woodland adjacent to Coombe Lane. Useful background information on the ecological value of such sites may be available from Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre and an expert in Sherfield English.
- Important gaps between settlement areas – this might include the land between Danes Road, Romsey Road, Church Lane and the footpath leading from the church to the village playing field.
- Sites which may be under threat of future development – members noted several sites that were currently subject to planning applications.
- Areas where future development could take place without substantial harm (if there are any)
- Any farm buildings which may be developed in the future – there would be an option to produce a policy on conversion of farm buildings.
- Trees and hedgerows / ponds etc of amenity value – these might include Kents Oak, and the oak trees at the top of Romsey Road.
- Any local wildlife areas or potential wildlife corridors linking any formally designated areas (including those outside of the parish)
- Community facilities – these include the village hall, playing field, All Saints Church, the school, the nature reserve next to the playing field and Hansards shop.
- Areas prone to flooding – surface flooding on roads occurs after heavy rain at the junction of Danes Road with Newtown Road, and on Romsey Road near to the village hall. In addition, springs may appear in Romsey Road when the water table is high. Sharon Brentnall drew attention to an online map showing areas of flood risk within the parish.
- Any locally specific information, which will help in putting forward ideas for future inclusion – it might be useful as a background to get some information from long-term residents about the evolution of the village over the past 70 years.

Discussion document on housing and development drafted by Chairman: Because time was short, it was agreed to defer discussion of this document to the next meeting.

Any other business: None

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be in the Committee Room of the Village Hall on Monday 15 August at 7.30 pm (subject to availability of Sharon Brentnall and the village hall).