



Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group- (NPAG)

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2023 at 18:00 hours, Arlebury Recreation Centre

- Present -** Councillors A. Bean, M. Byrne, B. Jeffs.
Jan Field, Lorraine Bailey, Gareth Rees
Troy Hayes (virtual)
- Absent -** Imogen Oxley
- Minutes- AG22/058** F Simpson
To receive apologies.
Resolved: No apologies were received.
- AG22/059** **Public participation for twenty minutes to allow members of the public present to raise questions and make comments regarding the Neighbourhood Plan.**
No members of the public present.
- AG22/060** **Approve minutes and recommendations of NPAG meeting held on 12th December 2022.**
Resolved: That the minutes and recommendations of NPAG meeting held on 12th December 2022 are approved.
- AG22/061** **To agree local list nomination process of historical sites and buildings.**
Jan Field has done much of the initial groundwork to understand the criteria required for the initiation of a nomination list for Alresford.
To encourage residents of Alresford to be involved, the group will have nomination forms available at the Town Assembly on 6th March, in addition to notices on NATC website, social media and the Alresford schools. Other social events to make residents aware will be an Easter event at the Watercress Line, annual community litter pick and the Watercress Festival on 21st May.
The nomination for a local list will be restricted to New Alresford residents within the parish boundary only and written agreement will be required from the owner of the property or building.
NPAG will go through the current Design Statement to ensure that there is a building listed for each character area of the town and work with the Historical & Literary Society and draft a preliminary list before it is sent to WCC Heritage officer for approval.
- AG22/062** **To consider visions and objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan**
Troy Planning has prepared a draft vision and objectives of what the Neighbourhood Plan is trying to achieve. The role of the vision and objectives is to steer the Neighbourhood Plan through the next stages of the work. What are the key issues and what policies do we want to develop from this? Some key headlines are:
- Densely knit town centre which is walkable. Future development should reinforce this.

- Biodiversity, recreational & green space. River Itchen, Arle & Old Alresford Pond should be protected and remain accessible to visitors. Area should remain water neutral.
- Design. More innovative & sustainable design.
- Heritage. Historic market town, Watercress line, historic local list, using materials that are in keeping bringing out the historic nature of Alresford in the future.
- Landscape. Landscape led design approach.
- Town centre. Easily accessed and making it safer for walkers & cyclists with improved public spaces. Parking strategy for the town.
- Local economy. Modernising employment spaces at possibly Prospect Road and hopefully Sun Lane. Start up premises for new businesses especially including people who want to work from home. Economic opportunities for younger people.
- Tourism
- Diverse types of housing through the HNA such as community led, self-build etc.
- Linking the town centre with the other parts of Alresford and the countryside by new signage. Address opportunities for an improved bus network system.

AG22/063

To receive an update on local green spaces.

Many green spaces have been identified throughout Alresford and NPAG can allocate these as protected spaces. WCC does not protect any spaces outside the settlement area. Twenty-seven are allocated in LPP11 but some of these are permissive for development.

In future growth it is important to protect these spaces including new spaces yet to be listed. Green space must be demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular local significance. e.g., The Avenue, Arlebury Park rugby pitches and Perins School recreational areas.

NPAG will photograph all green spaces and send to Troy for inclusion in the green space report. This will then be sent to WCC and NPAG will use in the next public consultation.

AG22/064

To receive update on site assessments.

Three technical support packages that NPAG has been successful in receiving are site options & assessment, strategic environmental assessment & habitats regulations assessment.

Site assessment team are looking at 7 SHELAA sites. They will rate each site and a site visit will take place in the forthcoming months.

HNA needs updating with the latest figures.

AG22/065

To review the round table event which took place in January at ARC.

9th January saw a well-attended event. The points that came out of this meeting were the differences between retail & manufacturing needs. Retail required more parking as well as parking wardens to allow spaces for visitors. (Spaces are sometimes taken up by employees).

Industrial units and light manufacturing attendees were frustrated by the speed at which Sun Lane Industrial site has progressed. One Alresford business

is under pressure from developers to move on and they have no where to go which would result in a loss of employment. Prospect Road was put forward as a devoted area for industry but needs improved access.

Two presentations took place from WCC Economic Planning officers. They invited employers to let them know if anyone required employment floor space so that it can be fed into the Sun Lane Industrial area plans.

NPAG will ask Aecom need to look at Prospect Road area.

AG22/066 To agree work programme and future Grant funding.

Next steps by Troy are to update the green space designations and prepare policy headlines and projects for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Next grant funding from Locality should be available in early April. NATC has approved a budget for the neighbourhood Plan so work will be continual.

Next consultation stage would show what sites have been put forward along with green space list, local heritage nomination list and vision /objectives and policy headlines.

A public consultation day would be held in the town centre. NPAG will plan for this in June after Council elections and the Coronation.

The meeting closed at 19.55 hours.

Next Meeting: 13th March 2023 at 1800 hours Arlebury Recreation Centre.
