

Brightwell-cum-Sotwell Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th April 2016 at the Church Room.

Present were Jason Debney (Chairman), Helen Baines, Celia Collett, Steve Capel-Davies, and Lucy Dalby (Clerk).

Apologies for Absence were received from David Fox and Adrian Wood.

1. Consider Plans for Orchard Site

Draft plans for the orchard site have been received from the developer. The plans were discussed and it was agreed that consideration had been given to the housing needs survey and Community Led Plan. Mr Debney will contact the developer to give an idea of the likely timescale of the plan and to confirm that meetings will be arranged with all interested parties at the appropriate time.

2. Appoint Planning Consultant

It was agreed to appoint Neil Homer as Planning Consultant and accept his quote of £12,000 +VAT following successful discussions with him. It may be possible to reduce this fee if the steering group carry out some of the work.

3. Grant Application

Mr Debney reported that with the Clerk he had applied for a Grant from SODC for £5000 and completed the first stage of the second application to Locality for £4000. The Clerk will confirm how much is in the Parish Council budget for the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was agreed that as the SODC Grant is likely to be received first to ask Mt Homer to begin work to that limit.

4. Any other business

The SODC call for sites for the Local Plan was discussed and it was agreed this is unlikely to have an effect on Brightwell-cum-Sotwell.

The date of the next meeting was set for 18th April at 8pm.