Notes from Neighbourhood Development Plan Meeting – 13th September 2016

Present: Brian Barnett, Audrey Bott, David Connor, Robert Chitham, Jo King, Tom Rogers, Barrie Morgan, Kate Darby, Liz Connolly, Andrew Thompson

Apologies: Mark Richards, Peter Furneaux

1/ Community Land Trust

Trustees will need to be identified and we felt that people with direct interest in finding low cost housing for themselves or their family members would be ideal. Barrie will contact CLT for more information and we will ask the Parish Council to organise a public meeting to get the ball rolling.

2/ Brook House Farm objections.

Most of us were away while the consultation period neared completion and there is a great deal of anxiety in the village, especially in the proximity of the proposed development. It seems as if the planning proposal ignores criteria laid out in the neighbourhood plan (as gleaned from the questionnaire) in many respects.

The Steering Group discussed this at length, especially the access issue and the fact that the housing planned lacks the diversity of accommodation desired by the community moving forward. Request that the application withdrawn subject to further consultation

- failure to enhance the conservation area
- failure to meet the diverse housing requested by the community
- number of dwellings. we suggest 7 based upon the fact that the Lower House farm site may also be developed
- the loading on the existing infrastructure, in particular the access, may be too much
- the design of the dwellings is not of sufficiently high quality and does not reflect the character of the village.
- the location of the development sets the tone for the village when entering from the Kingsland direction

Barrie has kindly volunteered to draft a letter on behalf of the Steering Group.

3/ Sam Banks consultation response. We have received the response and are awaiting Bill Bloxsome’s guidance on how to make the necessary amendments.

4/ Pinecroft. The Steering Group objected to the planning development. Liz has kindly offered to write the letter of objection on our behalf.

5/ Jeff Woodfield’s demolition and replacement with a car port and an extension to the kitchen. We felt that this was not a matter for the Steering Group.
6/ Jeff Woodfield’s large site. Kate pointed out that Jeff has consulted with us and we have yet to respond.

- Is the 106 land gifted or leased?
- 7 dwellings, instead of 9, with a reconsideration of the massing
- views to the village
- a satisfactory access
- diversity of housing

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