

Boscombe & Pokesdown

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



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MAIN FORUM MEETING MINUTES SHELLEY THEATRE 6.30PM- 8.30PM , WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2017

Attendees (as set out on the signed attendance sheet):

Harry Seccombe, Martha Covell, Alan Mercel-Sanca, Denise Wootten, Cllr Jane Kelly, Cllr Philip Stanley-Watts, Soo Chapman, Emily Bullock, Peter West, Maria Boa, Jane Kunnatowska, Tracy Rose, Penny Lowndes, Fay Symes, Sue Bickler, Steve Vant, Andy Hardman, Andy Jones, Rachel Allen, Sabrina Lupato, Fiona Douglas, Soo Chapman, Stuart Lang Wilton, Daniel Cooper, Adam Playfair, Karen Poynter, Jon Dunne, Ebi Sosseh, Marc Shotter, Jessica Hancock

Apologies:

Paul Smart, Lee Stacey, Pam Ruthvan, Morag Morrison, Clare McCarty, Peter Roscoe.

1. Introductions (Harry Seccombe)

- Work of the last meeting was reviewed
- Announcement of 'Look Up' campaign
- Heritage Group membership promoted to attendees of the meeting
- Announcement of creation of a heritage conservation area including the whole of the high street and down to Pokesdown. A strong favourable response to the proposal
- Shop front policy announced

2. Pete West (Dorset Community Energy): Community Renewable Energy Officer at Dorset County Council

Some main points covered:

- Emphasis on compatibility of the NP with the future
- Renewable energy units owned by the community (solar panels, etc.) installed at schools, --feedback tariff helps to repay those who invested, whilst energy, in the example of a school in Swanage, used to provide half the energy used. Pupils educated on the philosophy and benefits of renewable energy.
- 12 schools and 4 community buildings by end of September 2016. Benefits to the schools £600,000 per annum
- 72 low energy passive houses built on Portland
- 25% of UK uses renewable energy

- Mention made by an attendee on water/sewage costs and lack of planning, and also on Boscombe often experiencing excess numbers of dwellings.

3. Minutes of December meeting and update from the Heritage group (Harry Seccombe)

- Minutes approved, and call for more members of the Heritage Group

4. Site Allocations: proposed sites and potential uses and buildings (Martha Covell)

- Mentioned exploring in the neighbourhood plan, renewable energy.
- Energy efficient buildings policy, transport and green infrastructure, including biodegradable aspects.
- Martha reports on meeting with Bournemouth Borough Council, that a proactive approach to identifying sites is to be welcomed in the plan.
- Heritage sites individual policies highlighted (example of Poole given)
- Reference to lighting (different colours and for different occasions) project in Sea Road area costing £110,000.
- Cllr Kelly offered to look into details of how the funds were spent.
- Criticism of predominance of second hand shops off-licences, etc. and as a result shops-diversity has disappeared.

Some example locations given in the presentation:

- BAP1: Palmerston Road Car Park:
- BAP 2: Hawkwood Road Car Park
- BAP 3: Ashley Road Coal Yard, North Road. Daniel Cooper refers to toxicity issue
- BAP 4: Royal Victoria Hospital, Shelley Road
- BAP 5: Centenary Way & Gladstone Road West
- BAP 6: Sovereign Centre and Car Park
- BAP 7: 9 Warpole Rd (opposite doctor's surgery)
- BAP 8: Hawkwood Road's other car park
- BAP 12: Boscombe Bus Station
- BAP 14: 554 Christchurch Rd
- BAP 17: Café Riva, Boscombe Overcliffe
- BAP 20: 9 – 11 The Cresent

5. Small discussion groups on Site Allocations:

Questions for consideration included but were not limited to:

- Sites selected- are they development sites?
- What uses should be on these sites
- What size of buildings
- What issues are there that we don't know about?

Examples of proposals to emerge from the table-top discussions:

- Compulsory purchase orders proposed for unused retail units, not enforced: preference for housing use.
- Preference for small hotels or B&B's in the Crescent.
- Social care and sheltered housing
- Community garden to accompany housing on Shelley Road DHUFT site.
- Halving Sovereign Centre multi-storey carpark space for redevelopment, mainly housing.

6. Reform as a whole group and provide feedback on discussions.

- This didn't take place as attendees working in groups continued to hold detailed discussions and share ideas on the different area locations options, contributing valuable feedback on the sites

7. Current consultations were listed in conjunction with Any Other Business (Harry Seccombe)

- Website heritage consultation:72 responses so far
- Facebook and Twitter Look Up campaign tags
- Avonbourne Sixth Form College campaign underway
- Policies and ideas on a postcard – coming in the Spring.

Date of Next Main Meeting: 6.30pm, 12th April 2017