

Neighbourhood Planning Group – Abbots Langley.

At Parish Office, Langley Road.

Thursday 25th May 2017 starting at 7pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies

Please let Peter know, before the meeting, if a member is not able to attend.

2. Introducing representatives of some Local Neighbourhood Groups wishing to participate in the Neighbourhood Planning Process.

This is an opportunity to explain the process and how to identify issues and possible proposals of interest to their local communities.

3. Neighbourhood Planning Training Day by Hertfordshire Association of Parish and Town Councils on 24th May.

Cllr Elizabeth Burns and Peter Warman will report back on the guidance received during this training day and their relevance to our work.

4. Extending the Commonplace Contract for a further 12 months from the end of June.

Our Commonplace gathered 490 contributions (Comments and "Likes") from 78 contributors and 165 comments/suggestions. Commonplace tells us that there is a somewhat higher than usual "Bounce" rate - 54% of people who reached the Commonplace landing page (450 people), went no further. They explained that most referrals to our website have been via Facebook - this usually means someone posts a comment and then shared it to their timeline. Facebook friends then click on the link to the site - but go no further. The obvious reason for that is that many of these friends probably live outside the area and therefore the Neighbourhood Plan is of limited interest to them. Looking ahead for the next 12 months Commonplace is suggesting we look again at local networks, event mailing lists, Parish Newsletters, school summer fairs etc. where you will be able to concentrate on local people. Once we have prepared an outline Neighbourhood Plan for wider discussion then we should use our Commonplace site to explain it to the local public and invite their comments, etc. (The cost of continuing the site for one more year from 1st July is £600 plus VAT.)

5. Next tasks for our Neighbourhood Planning Consultant, Alison Eardley – in response to her Health Check Report and her Proposal.

This includes preparing the National Government bid for our future work programme, helping set up the structure for our NP database and improving the public access to our work and meetings. Our next meeting with Alison will be arranged in early June.

6. Analysis of land ownership in the Parish using Land Insight – led by Bruce. This is leading to the identification of key sites in the parish.

Three Rivers District Council are consulting on their "Sustainability Appraisal - Scoping Report for the New Local Plan" for the District. In the next three months they will be doing further public consultation on potential land for development within the District as part of

the Local Plan process. Therefore during the next three months we should be talking with the Planning Department about the potential use of key sites we have identified within the Parish of Abbots Langley.

7. Future Health Care – Medical Centres and Social Care Services within the parish.

Led by Cllr Liz Burns. Implications of the proposals being developed in the NHS Strategy for Hertfordshire in 'Your Future, Your Health. Liz is already involved in examining these activities as a Parish Councillor. Nicky Perkins' (wife of Tim) has years of experience in the NHS and is willing to help us with this task. Liz has confirmed that the closed NHS Clinic in Jacketts Field is on an NHS database as a site that can be deployed for other uses. We need to decide what further NHS services and facilities are required locally to service the parish and where these should be located.

8. Any other business

9. Date of next meeting: 26th July and 27th September 2017 at 7pm

Note: There is no committee meeting planned during June or August

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The Nine Assignments associated with Building the Evidence Base.

1. **Demographic profile of the local population from 2011 Census data etc.**
2. **Land Use distribution and major planning proposals across the Parish** – possible key sites for future development or change of use to meet public requirements.
3. **Enhancing the local centres in the main settlements** - Abbots Langley village, Bedmond, etc.
4. **Key green spaces and preserving the natural & historic environment / tree preservation orders etc.**
5. **Local shopping facilities and their diversity**
6. **Education – Future capacity of local schools for local children** - primary and secondary. Impact of Academy Schools changing their catchment areas.
7. **Future Health Care – Medical Centres and Services within the parish**
8. **Transport and Communications** – including walking and cycle networks, traffic safety concerns, speeding, parking, local congestion points, public transport provision, broadband networks, etc.
9. **Possible extra capacity for Burial Grounds**

Note: Additional topics can be added when identified from our interactive web site etc.

- **Decide which of the above topics should be included and who wishes to lead the work on each chosen topic.** Chosen topics will depend on which issues the public raises as part of our Consultation Programme.

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