

## Neighbourhood Planning Group – Abbots Langley.

At Parish Office, Langley Road.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017 starting at 7pm

### AGENDA

#### 1. Apologies

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

#### 2. See **attached Report Nine to the Parish Council dated 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 to see what has been happening on the Neighbourhood Plan since we last met on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017.**

Discuss any points raised if not covered in this agenda.

#### 3. **Assisting the Parish Council in preparing their response to the District Council's Consultation for the new Local Plan.**

The Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan was asked to assist the Parish Council on this matter in August 2017. See the **attached document** that was submitted to the District Council on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017 after receiving approval at the Parish Council meeting.

#### 4. **Government Grant approved for £6,827.00.** Update on the use of these funds.

Alison Eardley, our NP Consultant helped us apply for the Grant. She is hoping to join us at our meeting via a Skype link that has recently been installed by the Parish Council at our request.

#### 5. **The Neighbourhood Planning Group has commissioned 'Housing Need Study' for the Parish.**

See **Study Brief attached**. This should be completed in October 2017.

#### 6. **Recruiting Local Neighbourhood Groups to participate in the Neighbourhood Planning Process.**

We have had some initial interest from Residents Groups but we need to actively recruit. We are considering asking Jackie Tyrell (formerly of Watford Housing Trust) to assist us in this task.

#### 7. **Aerial Photography used to show distribution of main categories of Land Use in the Parish.**

Work started on identifying possible sites where Change of Land Use could be considered in our Neighbourhood Plan. This will be discussed to seek views of other members of the team.

#### 8. **Reviewing other local Neighbourhood Plans to study their format and policies**

Another consultant, John Austin, has been asked to provide us with a range of relevant Neighbourhood Plans to provide useful reference material as we consider the format required for our plan and possible policies. These will be circulated to team members in October 2017.

#### 9. **Extending the Commonplace Contract for a further 12 months from the end of**

## June.

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 1<sup>st</sup> July is £600 plus VAT.)

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

The NHS is modernizing the NHS Clinic in Jacketts Field for use so it can be used as a Physiotherapy Unit for Outpatients associated with Watford General Hospital. We still need to identify sites that can accommodate other NHS services and facilities that are required locally to service the parish.

## 10. Any other business

## 11.Dates of next two meetings are: **23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 and 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7pm at the Parish Council Offices.**

Note: There is no committee meeting planned during October or December

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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.**

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