

Lound Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Held on Thursday 2nd March 2017 in Lound Village Hall
7.30pm

Present: Chair: Fred Walter, Michael Naylor, Rod Austin, Colin Beaumont, Jerry Kershaw, Andrew Perkins, Angela Walter, Julia Kershaw, Nick Prout, Bob Lane. We were joined by James Green, BDC.

Apologies Received: Carol Green, Kirsten Hayes, Karen Pollard.

Minutes of the Meeting held 26th January 2017 were approved subject to the following amendments:-

Residents' Survey Analysis and Report - delete reference to 'contents list' - Contents Page already existed.

Business Survey - add ' Contents Page to be included and pages numbered to be consistent with Residents' Survey Analysis and Report.

Open Meeting held Thursday 16th February 2017

Report of the Meeting as circulated was accepted. This has been added to the website.

General feeling that the Meeting met its objectives successfully.

Grant from Groundwork (My Community)

Jerry provided a Financial Statement as at 1 March 2017 showing total expenditure of £966.70 against an allocation of £6,117.00. A fresh application will be made for outstanding funds in their new financial year.

Analysis of Potential Development Sites

Nick's proposals which identified the sites suggested by residents in the Survey (Appendix 3) were received with thanks. Work had been done to determine ownership of the land. A discussion was held regarding how best to approach landowners to measure their willingness to release land for development and to respect residents' wishes as shown in the Survey.

Various issues were raised including the mix and type of properties, attracting young families to the village, new development generating income for the Parish to fund improved amenities vs. the strong desire to maintain its present character. Fred referred to earlier discussions in which a preference for ribbon development was raised. He commented that ribbon development may not be attractive to landowners because of land-locking and its effect on residual land values.

At this point James Green joined the Meeting and guided the debate. It was agreed BDC will approach the landowners to ascertain willingness to release land. James to provide large scale maps. **Action:** Jerry to identify the suggested sites on the maps and return to James with lists of landowners. James hopes to return to our next meeting with landowners' comments before BDC move into the next phase of technical assessment of potential sites. He did advise that 2 sites within the Parish have been put forward in response to BDC's appeal for po-

tential development sites made during 2016. Identification of those sites remains confidential.

Nick made reference to the response by Severn Trent Water to our Business Survey that 'future development may impact on hydraulic flooding from the drainage network'. This will be addressed in detail during the technical assessment.

The size and location of sites will influence the type, style and context of properties which might be developed on them. ACOM may be prepared to undertake a design and character study on our behalf. Increased funding is available for assessment of sites in the Conservation Area. **Action:** Michael to apply for technical support.

Once the sites have been examined, those offering potential can be put forward for further consultation with residents to vote on their preferences.

Declaration of Interested Parties

Action: Jerry to obtain existing forms from Parish Council and amend as necessary for completion by all Steering Group members.

Preparation of the draft Neighbourhood Plan

This can run concurrently with work on the sites. Jerry has contacted Helen Metcalfe regarding writing the Plan. James confirmed he had seen Helen recently and informed her that we have reached the site assessment stage. Jerry will contact her again with all the latest survey information and invite her to our next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 30th March 2017 at 7.30 pm. in the Village Hall