

Dore Neighbourhood Forum

Steering Group meeting 27th January 2016

Present: Christopher Pennell (CP), David Bearpark (DRB), David Crosby (DC), Jen Donnelly (JD), Thelma Harvey (TH), Andy Pack (AP), Pat Ryan (PR), Keith Shaw (KS).

Apologies

1. Apologies for absence were received from David Heslop.

Minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2015.

2. It was agreed that at minute 9 the wording should be changed to be "designating *assets* of community value..." Other than that, the minutes were agreed as a correct record.
3. It was agreed that David Bearpark should be confirmed as the secretary of the Steering Group.

Matters arising on the minutes.

4. Minute 1: DC had prepared a membership list. Members added their addresses to the list. **DC will update** this list and circulate it to members.
5. Minute 6: It was agreed that the secretary of each working group would be asked to send a copy of the minutes of their meetings to each member of the Steering Group and also to AP. **AP will then ensure** that there is an up to date package of information held in the DVS room, consisting of the agenda and minutes of all the working groups and of the Steering Group. This will then be available for consultation by any DVS member on a Friday morning and the first Saturday morning of each month. Any queries raised at these sessions will be passed on to the secretary of the appropriate Group.
6. Minutes 7 and 20: KS reported that he believed that a separate section of the website did in fact exist and he would be consulting with Matthew over the weekend to make sure that he fully understood its functioning; and it should be fully operational by next week. **KS will check** that there is a copy of the August 2015 version of the initial Draft Neighbourhood Plan in this section of the website.
7. Minute 8: CP had circulated the text of his article which was now with the editor of Dore to Door. Members complimented him on the comprehensive nature of the article. With regard to general publicity, **KS would be meeting with AP** next week to arrange this.
8. Minute 10: DC circulated the list of all members of the Working Groups and their contact details. Thelma Harvey asked that her name be added to the groups dealing with the Green Belt and Sustainable Transport.
9. Minute 11: The chairman's introductory letter had been sent to all members of the working groups and circulated to Steering Group members.
10. Minute 22: DC confirmed that both Local Authorities had been informed that we were starting the process with the working groups. Sheffield City Council had responded fully. It was noted that the Peak Park had completed their updated Local Plan, unlike Sheffield City Council. **CP will send a copy** of his Dore to Door article to both authorities (**DC** to provide contact names).
11. Minute 25: DC circulated the final version of his response to Sheffield's Citywide Options for Growth document. It was reported that all councils had to move quickly in handling this process because the Government had decreed that their policy reviews must be completed by the beginning of 2017. It seemed obvious that Sheffield's review of the Green Belt would also have to be completed prior to this deadline. On a general point, we should seek to get our views in as early as possible in the process.

Working Group meetings.

12. DC explained that the first meeting of each Working Group had now been arranged, the first one being on Friday 29th January. A full set of information had been sent to each member, consisting of an agenda, the welcome letter from CP, a summary of the visions and objectives for the Group (as endorsed by the meeting of the Neighbourhood Forum as the starting point), and information from the Government's NPPF. DC noted that there were a few issues where the Forum's views may differ from the City Council (garden developments and open space developments). It was suggested that at some point it would be useful to have a joint meeting

with the Broomhall and Stocksbridge Neighbourhood Forums. DC also noted that he had declined an invitation to become a national champion on Neighbourhood Forums.

Additional Powers of a Neighbourhood Forum.

13. It was noted that a Neighbourhood Forum has the power to identify community assets and place constraints on their disposal; to award community development orders and approve the right to build. It was agreed that these powers were extensive but also that they would be difficult to introduce. Their use would also be subject to a referendum in the community. It was agreed that the possibility of using these powers should not be considered at this stage: it would complicate and distract from the most important issue of developing an agreed Neighbourhood Plan. The possibility of community infrastructure funds was another such issue.

Any other Business.

14. With regard to the most recent version of the Draft Dore Neighbourhood Plan, **DC undertook** to send a copy of it to each member of the Steering Group and to **KS for uploading** onto the DVS website.

Next meeting.

15. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Steering Group will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th March 2016.

David Bearpark
28th January 2016