

Semington Neighbourhood Planning
Minutes of Steering Group Meeting 8 June 1st 2022
1930 to 2130 in the village hall / zoom



- 8.1 Those steering group members present: Emma Day ED, Sheralyn Milburn SM, Bill Scott BS, Peter Smith PS, and Ian Williamson IW. Apologies were received from Vicky Bodman VB. Katie Lea KL and Vaughan Thompson VT (Place Studios) attended by video link
- 8.2 There were no declarations of interest in relation to the agenda.
- 8.3/4 The minutes of steering group meeting 7 on April 27th were approved, and the updated information set out in the minutes was noted. PS added that Ray Heard did not have a database of parish businesses. An alternative way of determining business data will be sought. **Action KL**
- 8.5 So far, the note sent to local SHELAA landowners / agents by Wiltshire Council has elicited 2 responses (Hollins Strategic Land and CALA). After checking with VB for other responses, the agreed proforma will be sent out to all responders by June 7th with a response date of July 15th. **Action BS/PS**

The leaflet for parishioners to respond has been circulated in the parish newsletter. The response deadline is June 24th. All responses will be acknowledged. **Action BS**. After this, responses will be collated for consideration at the next SG meeting. **Action WS / VB**

- 8.6 The draft report about significant views (Paper 8.2) was discussed. It was agreed that this was a clear account with sound methods with all the views presented being appropriate. The number of views set out was about right. It was suggested that additional views around [i] Littleton Mill and [ii] looking south from the northern “gateway” to Semington village might be added. **Action BS / PS / JH**

It was agreed that it was important to record the cultural significance of particular views. Next steps are to [i] add new views if thought appropriate (as above); [ii] complete grid and what3words references – **Action BS** – and then to complete the map – **Action KL**

Discussion of greenspace and community facilities was deferred to a future meeting.

- 8.7 The successful village walkabout on May 28th (with outcomes recorded in part I of the circulated working document) were discussed. It was agreed that having the village seen through professional eyes was instructive, and the value of the *Semington Past & Present* book was agreed. The Place Studios view was that the character of Semington village was “strongly expressed”. The purpose of such work was to ensure that appropriate policies are in place to (ideally) protect this character, or at the very least to ensure that the minimum amount of harm is done through development. It will certainly inform any site selection process that will be taking place. Everyone is encouraged to send through additional ideas to Place Studios. **Action All**. There will be a continuation of the walkabout to take in Littleton Mill and Little Marsh. **PS to set up**

Part II of the circulated working document is a template which can be completed once part I is completed.

- 8.8 Place Studios has been developing a first working draft of the Neighbourhood Plan policies. Place Studio highlighted that these often have a generic feel and it is the local evidence (currently in progress) that is drawn on that will render them Semington-specific. The policies at this stage have been drafted drawing on work done to date and through research around other NPs – including those local to Semington. At this stage in the plan drafting process, the policies are helpful to shape the evidence base work. This first working draft will be circulated ahead of the next meeting. **Action KL**

8.9 Plans were considered for our presence at the July 23rd fête. It was agreed to have a space in the village hall. **PS to negotiate.** The foci to include: [i] update since the last meeting (copies of the summary report made available); [ii] consultation on the key views document (with map); [iii] gathering views on parish green space; and [vi] climate change survey.

A draft climate change survey for households was discussed in outline. There will be a separate one for young people. ED agreed to collate responses (deadline June 10th) to the draft. **Action All** then **ED.** Following this, a revised draft will be circulated for discussion at the next meeting – **Action ED** – and for trialling with Critical Friends (if time allows) and at the fête.

8.10 The next steering group meeting is: June 29th Business for this to include:

- Feedback on the calls for sites
- A first look at draft policies
- Planning for the July 23rd fête
- Agreeing the climate change survey

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