

A PLAN FOR LOCKING

A FURTHER MEETING TO DISCUSS DRAWING UP A PLAN

HELD AT: 18 Elm Tree Road, Locking, BS24 8DB

ON MONDAY 26TH. February at 1900 hrs.

MINUTES

Attendees: Douglas Lindsay (Chair), Mike Cooper, Emily Burnell, Jo Roberts, Peter Edwards

Welcome by Douglas

Apologies for absence received from: Cliff Dumbell, Cliff Paskell, Stuart Hayward, Martin Taylor, Jayne Butler

Neighbourhood Plan or Parish Plan?

Mandate from council is for an update on the 2005 parish plan and £1000 has been allocated for this purpose.

Discussion around the size of group required for either approach. More people would be needed for a neighbourhood plan than a parish plan.

Have other parishes been developing parish plans? None that the group is aware of.

Community Infrastructure Levy 25% for parishes with neighbourhood plan whereas those with just a parish plan get 15%. This would only be for new proposed developments.

Parish plan could encompass planning, community, environmental, transport etc.

Need to be sure that the effort we put in is worth it.

Need for community cohesion in the parish.

Les Mason interested in getting involved solely for Oaktree Park. Cliff Paskell will get involved if we pursue the correct path.

Mike stated that we would need 20-30 people and £30k to develop a neighbourhood plan. Would have to come up with a site that we want to control development on. This is in addition to areas like Locking Parklands which have already been given the go ahead.

If neighbourhood plan is concerned with planning, is there enough land with scope for development in the parish to make it worthwhile?

Douglas mentioned again his vision for the Ponderosa/Elm Grove site. This could be pursued without any Locking Plan. Grants may be available for this.

Parish plan more aspirational whereas Neighbourhood plan is more formal and has legal clout with regard to planning.

If the parish plan is aspirational, who would guide the parish in the direction the plan requests? Potentially the Parish Council. But this didn't happen with the previous Parish Plan.

Mike mentioned that a meeting a couple of years ago with North Somerset Council concluded that there wasn't enough scope for planning in the parish to warrant a neighbourhood plan.

We are looking at 2-3 years of effort for a Neighbourhood Plan. A Parish Plan would be quicker.

Outcome currently is to hold fire until we establish if there is more interest in the Parish with Looking at Locking in March. Concerns were raised about the distribution of Looking at Locking.

Jo happy to create a poster to be put on the parish notice boards and around the park, Manor Stores etc. Jo to contact specific people at Locking Grove and Flowerdown Park. Peter to share poster on 'Locking to the Future'.

Concerns:

Neighbourhood Plan – Little scope for development land to be offered in a plan.

Parish Plan - Whilst aspirational without some plan for implementation it could be a wasted effort.

Group – currently not enough people

Plan of action:

To encourage more interest via Looking at Locking and posters displayed around the parish and on social media.

Also, Douglas will e-mail every person who showed initial interest in a plan but has not subsequently come forward. This will ask if they will contribute to the making of a plan, and in what way.