Braishfield Neighbourhood Plan meeting 18th March 2024 – 2.30pm until 15.40 at the Committee Room, Village Hall, Braishfield.

Attendees

Mark Sennitt ("MS")
Peter Quarendon ("PQ")
Michael Allen ("MA")
Mark Sands ("MRS")
Brian Luff ("BL")

Apologies

Maggie Batchelor ("MB") Mark Tydemen ("MT")

1. Approval of minutes 19th February 2024: PQ noted he could not find them. All others approved them;

2. Discussion re draft Neighbourhood Plan policies:

MS tabled a note on policies to be considered with some content started on for review and expansion.

Assets of community interest discussed. We need to include a policy on such facilities.

Content from the Village Design Scheme ("VDS") to be reviewed to include as appropriate.

Changes to existing planning consents discussed – not likely that any policy in the Neighbour Plan can impact on that.

We can consider a policy on how an expansion of the Settlement Boundary could be supported under certain circumstances.

Next steps – MS to circulate his draft notes, all to review draft to date and comment on what policies are needed. Consider how best to create the policies – one person to draft a policy and then others review, or all meet to draft a policy at a time?

3. Discussion re draft structure of the NP:

We need to draft a chapter on policies, use content from the VDS and add policies (when drafted). We can then look at the structure e.g. headings and what to include in appendices. The aim is to create a document which be viewed on line with working links, as well as in print. BL to assist with coming up with two formats, in due course;

4. Grant funding and potential consultant input:

All thanked MS for obtaining a quote for a consultant to prepare a report on the open spaces and views in the village. Noted that feedback from TVBC was that an external consultant may not be needed and the Steering Group can seek to identify important open spaces. Those present were surprised at that feedback. MS to obtain a second quote and again discuss with TVBC and the Parish Council whether funding can be provided for an external consultant.

All present reviewed a map from the Village Design Statement ("VDS") showing the views identified in the VDS as being important to the village which is expected to provide much of the basis of this report / chapter;

5. AOB:

FAQs – MS to make changes using tracked changes and circulate for all to add any further comments and then aim to create a version to post on the website. Incorporate into the FAQs the guide recently provided by TVBC on the process for preparing a Neighbourhood Plan;

6. Date of next meeting: Friday 10 May 2024 at 10.00 in the Church Rooms (Peter please to book).