

GRIMSTON - ROYDON - CONGHAM - NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP
GRIMSTON VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 11 March 2019

Present:

Grimston and Pott Row: Cllr M de Whalley, Cllr K Israel

Roydon: Cllr N Fletcher. **Congham:** Cllr H Frost.

Consultants: Mr M Thompson, Ms L Cornell (Collective Community Planning)

In attendance: Cllr S Willis, Cllr P Coleman, Mr & Mrs Rudd, Mr & Mrs D Giles, Mr A Lake
Mr K Kavanaugh, Cllr T Tilbrook,

Clerk: Mrs P Sewell

Apologies: B. Cllr Fraser

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanking all those who helped in the delivery and collection of the survey, he introduced Louise Cornell and Mark Thompson of Collective Community Planning.

2. Consultants (Collective Community Planning)

Project plan:

The project plan was presented and noted, the timings subject to there being no allocation of sites. Completion date identified as December 2020.

Survey Analysis – Draft Issues and Options:

The Chairman reported that there had been a good response overall with just over 400 responses. The few surveys that had come in after the deadline would still be included. The Consultants presented a summary of the responses so far (just over 50%). The Chairman reminded those in attendance that this was an initial look and not the definitive version so the final result might be different.

The Consultants would complete the analysis and report of all consultation responses, including breakdown by village, for the next meeting on 8 April. NHP group to conclude their inputting by 29 March at the latest.

- The Consultants recommended undertaking a Character Appraisal - and it was suggested that each Parish Council might be best placed to conduct this.
- The Consultants would seek advice about designating a Conservation Area in the plan.
- The working group would pinpoint a list of areas that could be identified as Local Green Space within the plan.
- There was discussion about important vistas and the NHP group agreed to identify these on a map (also linked to character appraisal).
- A network of cycle links could be promoted as part of the plan. There had been some consideration of this already and potential routes would be identified on a map as a starting point.
- Further consideration would be given to the allocation of a site for creation of a business centre. (Business survey results to be assessed separately)

- The Chairman asked if CIL money might be used to purchase land for affordable housing. Mrs Sewell reported that CIL money was more for improvements to infrastructure but would raise the question with the CIL officer.
- There was a discussion about the impact of the current Local Plan Review on the Neighbourhood Plan. The Cricket Ground was discussed.
- There was discussion about the possibility of providing rural exception sites where the demand for social or affordable housing could be demonstrated. It was noted that Rural Exception sites would be outside the development boundary but would still have to be assessed for suitability.
- There was some consideration of allocating sites as part of the Neighbourhood Plan, though the NHP group appeared to be more in favour of a location policy rather than specific allocation. The Consultants would seek some advice from the Borough Council with respect to the 4 sites it had put forward in the Local Plan Review.

Evidence Base

The Consultants gave an overview of the document (version 1). There had been limited time to review the draft document, therefore the NHP Group would consider the evidence base and respond with any questions or points that might be incorrect.

3. Payments

NHP group agreed the release of payment to the Consultants as per invoice - Total £3,305

- Project Planning for Neighbourhood Plan
- Attending a Neighbourhood Plan meeting on 11 March
- Developing an evidence base for the Neighbourhood Plan
- Writing an issues and options report
- Survey input, analysis and providing a report of key findings from the community consultation

Cllr Fletcher also submitted the receipt for £48.00 for the survey collection boxes.

4. Any other Items

B.Cllr Tilbrook thanked the group for their hard work thus far.

Cllr Coleman asked the group to think about how to report back on progress/results of the survey, suggesting attendance at the summer events as had been done before.

5. Next Meetings

The next open meeting would be held on **Monday 8 April at 7.30pm**. No open meeting had been planned for May due to the elections and Annual Parish Meetings, but this would be reviewed after the April meeting.