

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting Minutes

22nd February 2023

Great Addington Village Hall

7.45 p.m.

1. **Present:** Helen Hoier (Chair of GANP), Mike Scott (Chair of GAPC), Elaine Scott (ES - Clerk to GAPC), Catherine Baines, Wendy Pidd, Chris Dean, Pam Dean, Liz Harlow, David Harlow, Nick May, Mike Lower, Paul Carver, Stephen Chard, Jan Baines, Jo Blackburn.
2. **Apologies:** Sue Cole, Charlie Harlow.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting (4th Jan 2022):** agreed.
4. **Any declaration of interests relating to this agenda** – no comments.
5. **Review of the consultation event, focusing on the key messages for each group.**

Community Services and Facilities – key messages

Village hall:

- How much can the hall be utilized?
- What groups would you like to see in the hall?
- Can the facilities be improved – expanded?
- Is there more community involvement to be had, e.g. classes/ events?

Church:

- What events could be held in the church? E.g. Concerts? Music events /bands/ choirs.
- Could there be an opportunity for more fundraising?
- Blankets for cold weather on pews
- Could the church get involved in some exhibitions e.g. Embroidery/art/ Christmas/ easter tree decoration/ wreath decoration/ flowers etc.

Hare & Hounds:

- What would bring you into the pub- what events would you like to see?

School:

- The school should continue as an asset to the village

Traffic and transport

- Traffic calming
- Would you use a bus service if there was one?

Broadband and Wifi:

- Improved broadband and Wi-Fi coverage.

Housing – key messages

- Since the 1950s there has been gradual development of around 7-8 houses on each development leading to a very mixed design and a doubling of the housing since 1950's. All developments have been family homes with no development of starter/ smaller family homes.

What housing do we want?

- More affordable/ starter homes with better transport links in a gradual approach, not all at once.

Where do we want them?

- Place developments on outer edges of the village, avoiding the centre and congested nature of main street and lower street.

Green spaces – key messages

- Improvement of access to the greenway in delineating the line of the path.
- Preserving the stepping stones as an important historical feature. Question of whether it would be achievable to restore them. Suggestion of an information plaque to include the history of the stepping stones.
- Suggestion of the village having a recycling centre for battery/oil/plastic bag collection points.
- Suggestion that information could be circulated about where to go with your recycling for specific items e.g. batteries and oil, plastic bags.
- Concern noted regarding one or two spots of litter e.g. generals corner. Suggestion of dash cams for catching litterers.
- Suggestion of crop sharing for trading locally.
- We don't have any allotments- could there be some land available for allotments?

Heritage

- Heritage in the village should be preserved.
- Traffic controls needed.
- Wish to maintain the attractive gates to the village.

6. The questionnaire

- a. Viewed an online version of Brigstock's questionnaire to inform what Great Addington's questionnaire might look like and involve.
- b. 4 theme groups looked at questions relating to each theme. We then added, adapted, amended and deleted questions as required.

7. Action points

Questionnaires to be put together by Catherine and Elaine and sent to everyone and Colin.

8. Date of next meeting

Monday 3rd April 2023