



Neighbourhood Plan 2 Working Group

November 11, 2021 at 19.00

Lytchett Matravers Sports Pavilion

Minutes

Attendees:

Parish Councillors	
Alf Bush	
Residents	
Liz Dunlop	Phil Jones
Clare Edwards	Bryan Jones
Mark Narramore	Mike Wills
Ian Taylor	Mandy Backhouse
Alan Bagley	David Tarver
Goretti Bagley	Nichola Bromham
Lorenzo Jones	Alison Leary

Purbeck Local Plan (PLP)

At the previous meeting, it was discussed that a way forward to raise the issue of PLP adoption would be to write to Dorset Councillors with very clear and specific objections. To assist with this a list of Dorset Councillors on the Planning Committee and those representing local wards was provided.

A set of potential subject points was also distributed on the agenda (see attached). These could be used by residents as a guide list of issues to raise, but residents need to write letters in their own words to ensure each one is then considered.

It was requested that, if a planning consultant is engaged, they could review the subject points, advise on those most critical and advise as to the best timing to deliver such letters.

Wareham Road Planning Application

The issues with the traffic survey were discussed. i.e. lockdown timing and assessment location. One resident had obtained an external opinion which suggested the timing was probably not so critical. However, it was agreed to request the PC to raise this with DC.

The Wessex Water (WW) response to the application was also discussed. There are known issues with the local pumping stations and a history of significant overflows. The WW response to the application did not refer to these overflows. The PC has invited a representative of WW to their next council meeting (Nov. 24th) for a general review, but this application would also be a subject for Q&A.

At the PC meeting of October 27th, it was clarified that the number of planning applications coming for committee approval had been reduced dramatically to around 5%. It was still considered likely that the Wareham Road application would be sent to committee, but no guarantee.

Planning Consultant

It was advised that the PC was considering the engagement of a planning consultant. The scope of such engagement would need to be beneficial for the whole village and would need to provide 'big picture' guidance in the preparation of a revised Neighbourhood Plan (LMNP2). This would include addressing the Green Belt erosion, the lack of employment planning and the lack of any infrastructure planning within either the PLP or DLP.

The PC would need to finalise scope, obtain 3 quotations and then go through a selection process before any such engagement could be realised.

Neighbourhood Plan 2 (LMNP2)

In the earlier neighbourhood plan, the PC were prevented from expressing any opinion concerning development because of the surrounding Green Belt issues. The NP process is now more tolerant in that respect.

The core issues remain which are the promotion of a sustainable community with development to include employment and infrastructure opportunities. The PC needs to make significant progress in the NP2 revision to ensure it has the weight to be considered in the DLP consultation in spring 2022.

Next steps:

- PC to review planning consultant engagement
- PC to write further comments to DC regarding planning application
- PC to review membership of CPRE
- NP2WG to develop core objectives

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Purbeck Area Councillors

Lytchett & Upton	Alex Brenton, Andrew Starr, Bill Pipe
Corfe Mullen	Mike Barron, Paul Harrison
Blandford	Nocturin Lacy-Clarke, Byron Quayle
Colehill/Wimborne East	Janet Dover, Marie Roe
South-East Purbeck	Cherry Brooks
Wareham	Beryl Ezzard, Bryan Holloway
West Purbeck	Laura Miller, Peter Wharfe
Wimborne	Shane Bartlett, David Morgan

Bullet Points for letters:

- Green Belt
 - This is still Green Belt – why was it not rejected immediately?
 - Continual loss of Green Belt over 40 years
 - Lytchett Matravers has doubled in size in 40 years – what is the purpose of GB
 - With proposed PLP and DLP the village will be 5,000 residents – that's not a village
 - Why are houses not built on land that is neither AONB nor GB?
 - The topography of the land is already causing well-documented sewage overflows in Bulbury and Glebe Road pumping stations.
 - There are several instances of similar overflows above and below Deans Drove
- C-19/Brexit
 - How can DC plan in a situation where we don't know the long term impact of a major pandemic; how many jobs have been lost, how many people are working from home instead, etc.
 - How can DC plan in a situation where we don't know the long term impact of Brexit; the forecast is that around 1 million people have left the UK so who is going to take up the jobs and where, we have major supply problems
 - DC have already announced plans to convert vacant offices to flats – that will happen in all major towns
- Infrastructure Planning
 - There is no plan for employment in Lytchett Matravers or close by.
 - Every new resident works somewhere else – how does this work with DC's Climate Emergency?
 - There is no initiative to build more houses for local families who struggle with Purbeck prices, affordable (80%) is still out of reach of many
 - There is no plan for further infrastructure, shops, employment, healthcare facilities, sports facilities
 - There is no plan for improving road width and access and the long talked about cyclepath plan is still just talk.
 - Landowners are riding roughshod over Planning rules – continual conversion of agricultural buildings to Air BnB
 - Where is the SANG to go with the PLP and the DLP, they are not specified
- Traffic
 - The traffic survey was carried out in July 2020 when traffic volumes were much reduced due to C-19.
 - Lytchett Matravers is a village not on main roads, it cannot support such a large increase
 - The Wimborne Road/A350 junction is becoming more dangerous with several road closures recently due to accidents.
 - The PC has had to introduce speed warning signs to try to limit speeding on out of village roads
 - The local bus service is a sporadic one-way circuit, this will not help those working elsewhere who will have to use their own vehicles, again not promoting Climate Emergency.