

## LONGHOUGHTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN STEERING GROUP

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020

**1 Present:**

Adrian Hinchcliffe (Chair), Peter Bromley, Bill Bell, Brian Ellis, Chris Thomas.

**2 Apologies for Absence:**

Councillor Wendy Pattison, Ayshea Lewis, Margaret Robinson, Carole Green, Rob Naples Andrew Willmott.

**3 Local Green Spaces and Protected Open Spaces**

The meeting was convened to consider the nomination of Open Green Spaces (OGS) and Protected Open Spaces (POS). In preparation for the meeting an Assessment Methodology prepared by Jo-Anne Garrick had been circulated to members along with a Nomination Form.

Prior to the consideration of individual nominations the Group held a discussion on the rationale and strategy for the nomination of OGS and POS. OGS and POS had to be considered in relation to potential sites for housing and business development, green infrastructure and other features that would go into the Neighbourhood Plan. OGS and POS could not be considered in isolation for some of the sites may be being considered for more than one purpose. This applied to the Old Recreation Field, Pondfield and area surrounding the RAF Estate.

The need for housing land and the type of houses would not be known until AECOM produce their report so it is difficult to predict what land is needed and where. Nevertheless, some sites need to be considered within Longhoughton and Boulmer.

#### **Longhoughton**

It was considered that we should focus on the available and potential sites for housing that appear to be available although some may be outside the settlement boundary proposed in the emerging Northumberland Local Plan, although it was noted that this could be changed in the Neighbourhood Plan. The following sites were discussed in outline:

- **The Johnny Johnson site** – This has the potential to accommodate up to eight houses. It is central within the village and could accommodate some form of commercial development such as retail or offices. Also it was thought that it should contain some green space.
- **Pondfield** – The Estate want to build houses on the site but from earlier discussions may reduce this number to two or three. This would give the opportunity for the Pondfield to be a PGS with green routes connecting Chancel Place, the Community Centre and the Coop area.
- **The Old Recreation Field** – Now that it has been verified that there is road access from Eastmoor into the Old Recreation field it was considered that the field should be split with half being for housing and half for a PGS.
- **Areas within the RAF Estate** – to the north of Portal Court and Portal Place. This could be a good location for housing with a road infrastructure almost in place. It could also include a PGS.
- **Area to the north of Cunningham Road** – This again could be considered for housing and the inclusion of PGS.
- **Area to the west of Tedder Place** – Could be considered for housing along with part PGS.

These areas are spread around the village and therefore would not result in a new single estate. Once these areas are built upon then it would be necessary to consider some of the SHLAA listed sites, but depending upon the eventual target number of houses for the Parish it may be that these sites are reserved for the period beyond 2036.

**PGS Nominations** - within the above suggestions the following sites were nominated for PGS and are shown on the attached plan:

- Pondfield and the green area around the entrance to Chancel Place.
- Westfield Park (the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre).
- The green field to the north of Westfield House.
- The area of Chancel Place between the housing that is currently being constructed and the grave yard.
- Johnny Johnson Site – part.
- Part of the area to the west of Elworthy and Tedder Place.
- Part of the area to the north of Portal Court.
- The Allotments and the conifer plantation to the north.
- The southern end of the Old Recreation Field
- Existing green areas in the Eastfield and Eastmoor Estates, Springfield and Bader Crescent
- Part of the field to the south of Boulmer Road
- Enclosures to the west of Southend.

Those areas identified above that are within the RAF Estate will need to be discussed with the RAF.

### **Boulmer**

The following PGS were proposed:

- The land leased to the Parish Council including the village green, the car park and the land to the north and south including the smallholding to the east of Beach Road.
- The enclosed grazing areas around Boulmer Hall.
- The possible site for new housing could be to the south of the entrance to Bowmere.
- The question was raised whether the field to the west of the Boulmer memorial Hall should be classed as a PGS in view of it being a wild bird feeding ground.

Chris offered to produce maps showing the position of the proposed PGS.

### **Boulmer RAF Camp**

The emerging Northumberland Local Plan includes a number of areas within the Camp for classification of PGS. This would need to be discussed with the RAF.

### **Howick**

No proposals had come forward although some are nominated within the emerging Northumberland Local Plan.

All of the above to be further considered by the Steering Committee at its next meeting and once it is agreed it will be subject to full consultation with residents and other consultees.

## **4 Infrastructure**

The general view was that we should be establishing the infrastructure around the Parish ie. roads, pavements, green ways, community facilities, PGS, POS, wooded areas, footpaths. Once these are in place then we can consider areas for future housing.

## **5 Howick Estates.**

In view of the change in the head of the Estate it was considered that we should be meeting the new head for discussion on the NDP.

## **6 Date of the Next Meeting – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020 commencing at 3.00pm at the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre.**

**Meeting ended at 5.00pm.**