



Northam Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting
21st January 2019 at 7pm

1. Present

Cllr Chris Leather (Chair), Cllr Peter Hames, Josie Gosbee, Angie Whitaker, Phil Hodson (PHo), Nick Arnold, Jane Mills (Clerk).

Cllr Leather welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Apologies

Val Deering, Cllr Ken Davis, Joy Smart, Graham Ash, Maria Price, Jo Johnson,

3. Minutes

The minutes of November 2018 were agreed to be a true and accurate record.

Attendees were thanked for all their hard work

4. Discussion and final approval of draft policies (previously circulated)

Green Spaces and Heritage Sub-Group

NNP 1 Members were happy with this. There was a discussion about the benefit of registering with Fields in Trust

NNP2 Members were happy with this

NNP3 Members were happy with this

NNP4 This was met with approval,

NNP5 It was suggested that photos should be included

NNP6 Members were happy with this

NNP7 This needs work to reduce it to a more compact policy. More work on evidence and appendices need updating

NNP8 Members were happy with this

NNP 9 cycle routes to be included, overall members approved

Housing and Residential Sub Group

Overall it was felt that some work is required at the editing stage

- NNP 9 Acceptable
- NNP 10 Policy is acceptable again with editorial work
- NNP 11 This is acceptable but requires editorial work
- NNP12 It was suggested to put this on hold to allow KG to give an opinion. It was felt that the aspiration was good and would be left in unless advice is received to the contrary.
- NNP13 All were happy with this, it relates specifically to Appledore
- NNP14 This policy is on hold for KG to look at
- NNP15 Size of houses may need definition of study or bedroom
Definition of the phrase long standing. It was agreed that 15 years should be used.
- NNP16 This policy is now removed
- NNP17 This policy is now 16 and there were no issues with it

Business and Employment

- NNP 18 This is now NNP 17. This was accepted by all

Tourism attractions and accommodation

- NNP18 This was NNP 21 and it was agreed to delete clause 'C' from the policy, which referred to seasonal caravan/camping sites

There was some discussion about Richmond Dock and also about Appledore Shipyard being protected for employment purposes. It was suggested that a land map should be drawn.

There is a policy in the local plan DN13

5. Next Stages

The next meeting was set for 18th February 2019
and JM will try to book St Mary's Hall Appledore, Kingsley Hall Westward Ho! and Northam Hall for public consultation events in the week commencing 18th March 2019

The meeting ended at 9.30pm