

THORNDON INTO THE FUTURE

Minutes of video conference call meeting of the Thorndon Neighbourhood Plan Committee On Thursday 23rd April , 2020

Attendees:

Stephen Page, Chairman
James Hayward, Parish Councillor
Gemma Burton
Pauline Smith
Ian Poole, Consultant, Places4People

Apologies for absence: None

The Drop-in Consultation Event held in Village Hall on Saturday 15th February was well attended (97 attendees). Following on from this meeting there were 47 questionnaire responses received, the Pre-Submission Draft Plan document was loaned out 30 times from the village shop and the website received 341 hits on the Neighbourhood Plan page.

Prior to this meeting, IP circulated a document showing responses received and proposed changes. IP also circulated matters for consideration in response to those comments.

IP advised that the responses must be reported word for word, including any spelling mistakes etc. The committee went through the comments received and the TNPC response to each one was agreed.

IP confirmed that we are able to choose which Examiner we want for our Plan and it was agreed that the same person who examined the recent Drinkstone Plan would be preferred, if available to do so.

IP agreed to produce a support document with proposed changes to the Plan page by page and reasons why any change is being made. Once that has been signed off by TNPC, the Plan document and copy of comments log should go to the Parish Council who will be asked to recommend the Plan as modified to be submitted to MSDC. JH said he would facilitate this (there are no planned Parish Council meetings but this can be done outside of a formal meeting). IP advised that there must be some form of Minute or note from Parish Clerk that this formal approval has been given.

The revised Plan will then have the comments log, graphs, yes/no answers, the display boards from the consultation meeting and any leaflets distributed to the village added to the document to be submitted in mid to end May.

Quite a few of those who responded with comments following the Consultation Event asked that they be informed when the Plan is submitted. SP will send Parish Clerk an e-mail with details of those people so she can send out an official note to them when this takes place.

IP hoped that the Examiner would deal with the plan document July-end August and although we would be on track to have the Referendum in September, due to the Covid 19 Pandemic it is currently reported that there should be no elections or referenda until May 2021. However, IP advised that any Plan document that is due to go to Referendum holds significant weight in any planning requests/permissions.

IP will send wording to JH to update website to record what stage we are currently at. JH will also put update in next issue of Village Life magazine.

JH has made application to Locality for the last tranche of funding.

Date of next meeting: TBA