

“Knebworth aims to be a vibrant, inclusive and independent village community which will accommodate sustainable growth and development in its population, services and infrastructure, whilst ensuring that its fundamental rural character is maintained.”

Notes of Knebworth NP Steering Committee meeting held on 25th April 2018, 8pm in the Village Hall

Present: Clint Bull (CB, chair)
Graham Dormer (GD, vice chair)
Claire Graham (CG, KPC)
Jacqueline Veater (JV, Consultant)
Paul Ward (PW, KPC)
Bob Hall (BH)
Robert Sprigge (RS) - Note taker
Roy Oostwouder (RO)
Andy Nation (AN)

Apologies: Penny Berry (PB)

1. Minutes from previous meeting

- GD apologised for the minutes of the previous meeting on 7th March 2018 being unavailable.

2. KNP Open Day De-brief

- Comments of note:
 - “Not worth downsizing due to prices”
 - Quality of Secondary schools
 - Footways under bridges
 - Retail, e.g. restaurants
 - Land owners views on staggering development vs. all in one go
 - As local residents themselves Land Owners want to work with us, e.g. on Design codes
- Attendees includes Stephen McPartland MP, Henry Cobbold and Phil Tubbs-Wallace, the latter two being significant owners of land to be used in the Knebworth developments
- It was noted that, despite what residents might assume, we cannot influence what services retailers provide but the KNP could indicate residents’ wishes, which could be a useful guide to potential/prospective retailers and other businesses.
- Consultation Statement – We need to compile a document providing evidence of all the Consultations we hold with documentation, e.g. posters, and photos

3. Timetable and next steps

- We should be aiming to produce an ‘Emerging plan’ within the next 12 months
- The Structure of the NP could be aligned with the Local Plan
- We should be engaging with the NHDC Planning department, however they are likely to still be occupied with the Local plan for a while
- We may need a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) covering the impact on the Environment

4. Historical information from Henry Cobbold

- We have copies of the Original Knebworth Garden City plan 1910, the 1990's plan and the 2004 Plan

5. Application for funding

- Grant application – JV and CG will work on this

6. Date of next meeting

- Annual Parish meeting 2nd May – Display as for Open days
- Workshop 10th May – Milestones and Types of Policies - JV to lead
- Next Meeting on 6th June at the Village Hall – Main hall

7. AOB

- Online Storage of documents

Actions:

- Annual Parish Meeting – Full KNP display (All)
- Contact those who offered to get involved (CB)
- Consultation Statement (All)
- Grant application (JV,CG)
- 2017 Survey forms (?)
- Retailer survey (AN)
- Online Documentation storage (RO)
- Future Consultations:
 - School students could be asked to research green spaces incl. Woodland