

Meeting of the Community Planning Sub-Committee on Tuesday 20th November 2007 at 7.30pm in the Council Room, Tankyard, Thorney.

PRESENT

Chairman: Councillor R. Bevington

Councillors C Evans, P Murphy, P A Rowe and D J Buddle.

Absent: Mr Rob Smith and Mr. S Wright, Peterborough City Council.

1. Apologies and Declaration of Interests

Apologies from M Amps-Woodward

There were no declarations of interest.

2. To receive minutes of meeting held on 16 October 2007

The minutes of the previous Meetings held on 16 October (copies of which had previously been circulated to all members) were signed.

3. Matters/Actions arising from minutes

3.1 Community Asset Plan – needs whole parish showing, Gas Lane is un-adopted, The Green is in Thorney Parish Council ownership. Mr. Smith to progress.

3.2 Affordable Housing – contact to be made by Chairman to arrange future attendance at a meeting of a member of ACRE that can advise on this matter

3.3 List of businesses (excluding farming) produced by Councillor Rowe

3.4 List of village assests produced by Councillor Bevington

3.5 List of amenities for senior citizens produced by Councillor Murphy

4. Questionnaire

Produced from SWOP analysis. Councillor Rowe suggested tick boxes. Additional questions to be added for youth groups.

Formatting – Mr. Smith’s department to format the document and use franked mail for distribution. Should be sent out before Christmas and some 4-6 weeks allowed for return. Mr. Smith’s department will colate the information from the returned forms. Collection points around the village for completed forms. Councillor evans to contact: Spridgeons, Bevingtons, Post Office, Doctors Surgery, Pharmacy, Discount Stores, Library, Ex Servicemans Club, Rose and Crown, Community Centre.

Mr. Smith will cover costs and look to the posibility of using “ballot boxes” as containers for the completed forms.

4. Use of Section 106 monies – Simon Wright, Planning Obligation Officer

Planning obligations are tools to clear a planning problem. Mr. Wright gave examples of these. He explained a new strategy to capture all developments and work on this will be complete by Christmas.

Various different initiatives are at present being looked at by Peterborough City Council (Growth Area Funds, Community Planning, Integrated growth Study). Mr. Wright explained these and present Government thinking.

The smalled contributions are pooled whereas major development contributions are normally spent in the immediated vicinity (towards roads, schools, etc).

Councillor Buddle asked if the by-pass produced a contribution – Mr. Wright said he did not htink that would be the case.

Mr. Wright said that at the present time the Peterborough City Council departments would be circulated to identify planning problems (Primary Care Trust, Education, infrastructure, police, etc) and negotiations would then take place with the developer.

There will be 3 levels of structure in the future – direct (roads, footpaths), community (school places, libraries) and strategic (new schools, new main road)
Councillor Bevington raised the problem of sewage disposal in Thorney – this needed professional assessment. Councillor Evans commented on the plans that were put forward some years ago to improve the pipework. These have never been implemented.

Any section 106 money is an contract between the developer and the Peterborough City council. The Parish Council can have an impact to the agreement by furnishing Peterborough City council with the needs of the Parish. However, these needs must be properly documented and evidence based by the Parish before agreement by the developer.

Mr. Wright will return to keep the Parish up to date when the new strategy is approved by Peterborough City Council

For open space development the developer would be asked for a contribution to the ongoing revenue costs. Sustainability is often the hurdle.

Councillor Evans raised the possibility of income from wind farm developments and the Thorney Parish Council “wish list”. Mr. Wright will look at 106 agreements for wind farms and ffed back the information to Mr. Smith.

If a residential development is on industrial land can a 106 agreement be made to secure more industrial land? Mr. Wright to consider question. This may be something the integrated growth study has considered. Councillor Bevington asked how ARUP’s could suggest development take place on private land?

Does 106 money fund traveller developments? Mr. Wright said only if this obviates a planning restriction in the area could it be funded.

5. Integrated Growth Study

Agreed to invite Ms. Elizabeth Chimanga to speak at the next full meeting of Thorney Parish Council.

School has 29 places available at present.

Councillor Bevington asked for consideration for impact on Doctors Surgery.

6. Thorney Post

Information concerning community panning sent for inclusion in next Thorney Post.

7. Housing Developments Update

As previous minutes

8. Any Other Business

Next meeting Tuesday 11 December at 7.00pm

Meeting closed 9.28pm