



COMMITTEE for ABINGTON HOUSING

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th August 2016 at The Institute

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	<p>Present – Bernie Talbot, Jane Bowen, Alison Johnson, Peter Brunning, Raymond Humphrys, Helen Humphrys, Tania O'Farrell, Marc Wheeldon, Jennifer Hirsh, Tony Dron, Keith Stringer, James Snell, Bob Chesham and Pennie Zimmern.</p> <p>In attendance – Mitchell Tredgett and Glyn Mutton (Hill Residential)</p>	
1.	<p>Apologies – Apologies received from John Ellis, Paul Pritchard and Julie Barnes</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes – The minutes of the meeting held on 14th June had been previously circulated and were agreed.</p>	
3.	<p>Pampisford Road/ High Street site – Mitch gave an update</p> <p>A new draft of the plan was tabled by the developers, Hill, based on the feedback from SCDC. The design has changed to reduce the width of and shorten the road which previously lead to the open field. The housing facing the high street had been given more space for parking. It was confirmed that these houses will have storage for bikes and bins. The scheme had 8 affordable units and 12 other units. The committee gave a positive response to the new proposal.</p>	
4.	<p>Linton Road site – Glyn gave an update.</p> <p>The feedback from the public consultation was shared and changes were highlighted from the feedback. A pre-application had taken place and Hill were waiting for the formal response which was way overdue. Hill tabled an amended scheme which has taken into account early feedback from SCDC. There was discussion about the houses facing Linton Road, these should be turned round so that their back gardens are south facing and they should have another entrance off the Linton Road. This would have an impact on the rest of the design. It was suggested that Hill feed back to the site owner that the road labelled farm access was not welcomed by the committee and would not be liked by SCDC. Hill reported that the pumping station had gone but that they would need to build an electricity sub station. There are planned to be 21 affordable units on the site.</p>	

<p>5.</p>	<p>Church Lane site – Glyn gave an update.</p> <p>The situation regarding feedback and pre-application was similar to Linton Road. The amended scheme had been reduced in area and some of the units had been reduced in size. The committee were generally positive about the changes made, however were still not happy about the site having 9 units instead of 6. The meeting was very concerned that the site was still being larger than the area originally proposed and encroached onto the PVAA site behind. This is proposed as a Local Green Space in the draft Local Plan and it was felt that this should not be encroached upon.</p> <p>The link between the Church Lane and Linton Road sites was discussed and it was noted that Hill anticipated developing them both at the same time.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Planning policy for the former LSA – The application for a neighbourhood plan has been submitted to SCDC. The first stage of consultation has taken place and the application is now with the Portfolio holder for planning for a formal decision on designating the neighbourhood area. This should be by 14th September.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Strawberry Farm – It was reported that the landowner had submitted an outline planning application. Great Abington Parish Council had considered the application and agreed to recommend refusal.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Other issues – Pennie Zimmern suggested that Abington Woods, the former Scout Meadow, was likely to be coming onto the market.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Village News entry – It was agreed that Bernie would draft a news entry and suggestions were made about content including making readers aware of the designation of the Church Lane meadow and the fact that 6 houses were proposed by CAH and not 9 as in the current plan.</p>	<p>BT</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Future meetings – It was agreed that the next meeting would be held when there is news from Hill about feedback from SCDC.</p>	<p>BT</p>