

Zoom meeting 16th May 2023 10am

Using the Tivetshalls Neighbourhood Plan

Present:

Richard Squires – Senior Community Planning Officer. South Norfolk Council

Vicky West – Community Planning Officer. South Norfolk Council

Chris Watts – Development Officer. West Team of South Norfolk & Broadlands/Planner & Urban Designer.

Alyson Read – Vice Chair TPC

Sandra l'Anson – TP Councillor

Background

The Tivetshall NP underwent a successful referendum and has been subsequently adopted by SNC. Since then, the plan has become a part of the statutory development plan for South Norfolk, meaning that it has the same weight as SNC's Local Plan documents in the determination of planning applications within the parish.

A meeting of the above was held with the relevant SNC officers to discuss any questions that the Parish Council may have. For example, how is our NP being used in the planning process, how can the Plan be monitored, what the process is for undertaking any future updates, etc.

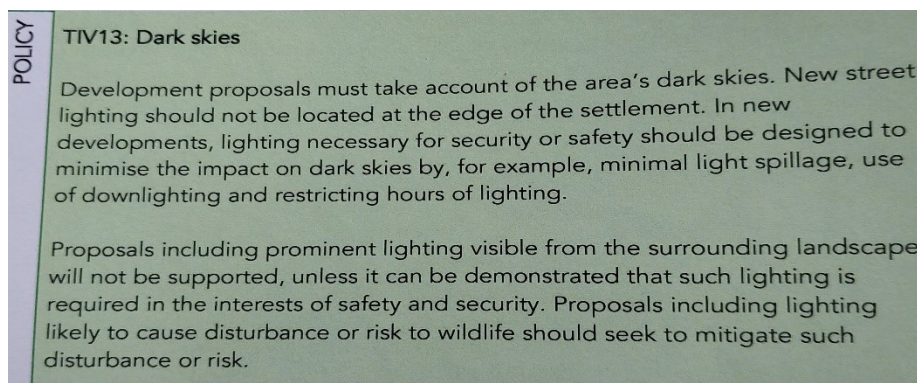
Points raised

- Alyson gave a brief recap regarding the village in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan. (Indicating that the proposed site was not in the pattern of a linear village).
- The Officers indicated that if a planning application is rejected by the PC on the basis that it does not conform with the NP, it may be a good idea to emphasise to the SNC where it **does** fall within the Neighbourhood Plan as well as where it doesn't. Important to identify where we referred to NP in these cases.

Reminding us that the NP gives us that accountability and is used to 'inform'.

Why review the NP?

- 1) If the wording in the NP does not coordinate with what its objective is.
- 2) If the policies are not innovative? For example, the Dark Skies Policy page 68 of the Plan. See extract below.



In this regard, we gave an example of the Simpsons Malt recent planning application. Apparently, we are still able to pass a comment regarding the lights. This is even though the comments have been submitted, or have been subject of any previous application. We were advised to email the Case Officer, and open a dialogue with SNC and the applicant regarding our concern, relating it to the NP.

The Case Officer is: -

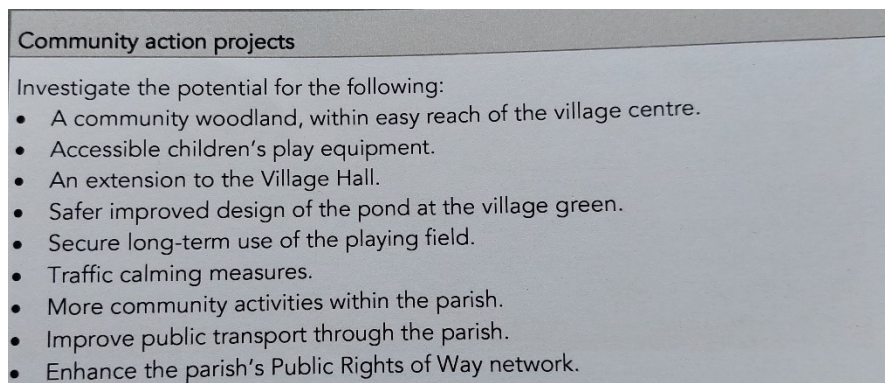
It was also noted, re the Maltings (by Richard), that maybe we could look at the above as part of the ecology of the site.

See Tivetshall Parish Council Comments below agreed at the PC meeting 11th May 2023

Comment Details Commenter Type: Parish Council Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application Comment Reasons: Comment: The parish council objects to this planning application on the following grounds. 1. The extra HGV Traffic in the area using the site as it gets larger 2. The light pollution from the site 3. Worries on the site getting larger and the danger to the local residents. 4. Retrospective planning applied for again for this expansion with no consultation with the parish council or parishioners in the first instance

- 3) The NP may need reviewing if the national planning affects it. For example, levelling up. This may be the case in the next few months. Therefore, we would need to look at the national planning policies as and when they are published.
- 4) Maybe our policies are out-of-date or could be enhanced, based on new evidence/best-practice precedents existing elsewhere.
- 5) We were asked about our Community Action Projects. Page 77 in our NP document. Were they progressing?

See below from the NP



Alyson went through all the above points. We mentioned all the points,

Community Woodland – No action to date. Attempt to obtain TPOs were not approved by NCC officer. *aging* the trees in the village and that it was something that we were proposing to start.

Accessible children's Play equipment – discussion raised at May PC meeting – ongoing issue.

Extension to Village Hall – currently no funding

Village Pond – Project Completed.

Playing Field – Issue of ongoing contact sought with owners.

Traffic Calming – Approved for parish partnership project.

Community Activities within Parish – Jubilee event 2022 and Coronation event 2023. Village Hall continues to carryout café and increased with walks on special events.

Public Transport is still non-existent in the parish.

Public rights of way -

on the recent village walk some of the footpaths were not maintained and some signage was missing.

Alyson also mentioned

Richard Squires pointed out that we should link the above 'Community action projects' to our Community Plan: To make a direct correlation. *Alyson will email Rob regarding this.*

We were informed that if we needed any assistance with any of our projects, we could contact the infrastructure delivery team at SNC. (Joel Pailes).

Further points

- 1) A reminder that we cannot 'lift' a policy out of the NP, unless it is justified.
- 2) It may be the case that in the future there could be a stronger focus on the design of the NP (this was not elaborated on).
- 3) SNC will be reviewing their plan and it was said that the Clusters Plan would be adopted in the next 2 years.

NB After the meeting today, Vicky forwarded us an email regarding further help as follows:

I have also just spoken to our colleagues that Richard referred to in our discussion this morning regarding potential support that the Council might be able to offer with projects. Andy Sexton, who is our newly appointed Pride in Place Relationship Manager and Joel Pailes, who is our Community Infrastructure Officer.

Both have said that they would be more than happy to have a chat with you regarding any potential projects that the parish council might want to pursue, and potentially how the authority might be able to assist with those.

You can reach them as follows;

andy.sexton@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk or on 01508 535348

joel.pailes@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk or on 01508 533782

Also, Vicky sent us this email after the meeting today, regarding a Neighbourhood Network meeting on **Weds 28 June 6.30pm**. The purpose of the meeting is to share with you the process and options for reviewing a Neighbourhood Plan, including when a review might trigger more significant modifications. There will be a guest speaker from the Mendlesham Neighbourhood Plan group, who have themselves recently gone through the review process. He will share his thoughts on the triggers that brought about the review, the path this took and any tips for undertaking such a review. **Action – Nominate Cllrs to attend.**

Sandra l'Anson and Alyson Read