

Minutes of a Public Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 15th November 2017, 7.30pm at The Cock Inn, Hanwood

Present: Cllr. J. Percival (Chairman), circa 25 members of the public

In attendance: Shropshire Councillor R. Evans, Nicola Fisher – Senior Community Enablement Officer, Shropshire Council

Clerk: Mrs R. Turner

Apologies: None

Item	Topic/Discussion
1.	<p>Chairman's welcome</p> <p>The chairman welcomed all present to the meeting. He explained that this is a public meeting, not a parish council meeting and that its purpose is to find out about the Local Plan Review Preferred Scale and Distribution of Development consultation and reviewing the Parish Plan.</p> <p>The chairman introduced Nicola Fisher, Senior Community Enablement Officer at Shropshire Council who had come to give further information on the Local Plan Review which is currently being consulted on.</p>
2.	<p>Local Plan Review and Parish Plan Review (Nicola Fisher)</p> <p>Key highlights from the presentation were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shropshire Council has to review the Local Plan regularly and is aiming to adopt the revised Plan by the end of 2019. The new Plan will cover the period 2016-2036. The next steps are this consultation, followed by a consultation on the detailed aspects of community hub/cluster allocations in Spring 2018, a final consultation in October 2018, Submission for Examination in December 2018, Examination of the Plan during 2019 and adoption of the plan by end of 2019.• Housing growth – overall housing aspiration of circa 28,000 homes over the Plan period.• Economic Growth Strategy– aiming to balance economic growth and housing growth as Shropshire needs more people of working age and better quality/paid jobs. Adult social care costs are rising due to an ageing population so an increased working population would help ease costs such as this.• Development to be focused on the market towns with about 27.5% in the rural area (current strategy is 30 to 35% rural).• The net housing requirement for the rural area, defined as gross requirement of 7,875, less sites built in 2016/17 and commitments (allocated or with planning permission as at 31st March 2017) is 2,560 dwellings.• Rural housing will be focused in community hubs and clusters. Forty hubs have been identified by points scoring settlements based on facilities to identify the most sustainable settlements. Settlements cannot opt in or out of being a hub (although this can be challenged via the consultation). Eddie encouraged consultation responses to focus on if the hubs have been scored accurately (e.g. is there is a regular peak bus service) rather

	<p>than focusing on the methodology as the methodology was consulted on previously. Clusters can opt in or out and will be limited to infill development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanwood is proposed as a community hub. Hanwood Bank is not part of the proposed hub and would therefore be classed as open countryside. This is a change as currently both Hanwood and Hanwood Bank are community clusters which means development can take place. The clerk explained that the current cluster policy is not prescriptive about the scale and type of development (i.e. both large and small sites can be developed) but the draft new community cluster policy would limit development in clusters to small infill sites. Hanwood Bank could opt to be a cluster (a cluster can be just one settlement) which would mean that some limited infill development could take place on small sites. • Hubs will have development boundaries and a housing guideline number and possibly allocations – to be consulted on in Spring 2018. It was noted that currently Hanwood and Hanwood Bank have a single development boundary in SAMDEV. Cllr. Evans he understood that the development boundary for Hanwood was originally from the railway to the Village Hall and that north of the railway line was considered to be Hanwood Bank. • Place Plans – these set out what infrastructure is needed to support development and this infrastructure (e.g. roads, drainage) is part-funded through Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), which is chargeable at £80 per sq. metre on open market (not self-build or affordable) residential development in rural areas. Parishes get 15% of CIL to spend locally. Of the remainder, 5% is spent on admin and of the balance 90% is for CIL (Local) projects and 10% is for CIL (Strategic) projects. The strategic and local elements of CIL are administered by Shropshire Council. Place Plans can be an important negotiating tool and evidence base. Parishes are being asked to review the Place Plan and identify infrastructure needs as critical (e.g. sewerage), priority (needed to happen to make development possible such as play areas) or key (nice to have) • Community-Led Planning – this includes Neighbourhood Plans, Parish Plans and Community Led Plans and is a key way that parishes can add local detail. Neighbourhood Plans hold more weight as they are a statutory part of the Local Plan. Community-Led Plans and Parish Plans can be adopted as material considerations for planning purposes by Shropshire Council. After 5 years, plans start to go out of date. Hanwood has a Parish Plan but it was produced more than 5 years ago.
3.	<p>Public comments</p> <p>The chairman invited comments and the issues discussed are summarised below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of housing development taking place by the school on school numbers – NF said that Shropshire Council are continually forecasting school place needs. • Hanwood (and Hanwood Bank) is a linear village so new build should join the two ends of the village. • Is Hanwood vulnerable to being an extension of Shrewsbury – this may be a factor in whether Hanwood Bank should be classed as open countryside or a cluster?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether Hanwood Bank should be part of the hub, be a cluster or be open countryside was identified as an issue that needs consideration. • NF said that the council could be more prescriptive about type of housing if it did a housing needs study • CIL – Roy Dunscombe spoke on behalf of the Village Hall and asked how restricted CIL is as the Village Hall needs funds for refurbishment. NF advised him to make a business case to the parish council. • Telephone Exchange development – RE said that the site did not meet usual open space standards but that the development had offered a sum of £98,000 for off-site recreation provision and a total of around £400,000 in CIL is expected for the site, of which a small sum will go to Pontesbury Parish Council. RE said that that it may be possible to discuss with Pontesbury Parish Council (the parish the site is in) whether the funds could be shared e.g. to improve local roads, for recreation improvements at the Village Hall • Community Led Planning – a member of the public asked about the difference between the types of plans in terms of what influence they have. NF said that a Housing Needs Study is key. NF did not recommend a Neighbourhood Plan for Hanwood as whilst it holds the most weight it is a complex and costly piece of work. It was agreed to ask if the parish could borrow Longden's housing needs questionnaire. RE said that community support is vital if a community-led plan is done and it would be sensible to ask for volunteers from a cross section of the parish e.g. at the school. Hanwood could also do a joint community-led/parish plan Village Design Statement as this would help in identifying a development boundary.
4.	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p>The chairman thanked all for attending. The attendance sheet had asked people if they wanted to be kept informed of progress on the Parish Plan review and the chairman encouraged people to get involved. It was noted that the Local Plan consultation closes on 22nd December 2017 and all were encouraged to get involved – documents can be viewed on Shropshire Council's website.</p>

Signed by ChairmanDate