

Cottenham Village Design Group

Meeting Minutes: Held at 5 Curringtons Close, Cottenham, Cambridge
14 June 2012 at 7:45pm

Attendees: Alex Darby (AD), Steven Poole (SP), Alex Thoukydides (AT), John Williams (JW),
Tim Wotherspoon (TW)

Apologies: Henry Le Brecht (HLB), Bill Miller (WM), Mike Smith (MS)

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Previous Meetings

The minutes of the 24 April 2012 committee meeting were approved.

JW to add the minutes to the website

JW has not received a reply from RH regarding access problems with updating the website.

The PDF for the April issue of the group's newsletter was larger than desirable for the website.

AT to generate a smaller PDF (2-3MB)

SP has not progressed options for display of the CEAG photographs.

3. Membership

SP has supplied the list of AGM attendees to WM.

Further discussion deferred until WM present.

4. Review of Planning Comments

AD summarised significant planning applications on which the group had submitted comments.

5. NPPF and Neighbourhood Plan

SP summarised the Parish Council's progress since the last meeting. Rick Bristow as chair of the Neighbourhood Plan WG has expressed his desire to work with stakeholders: the College, businesses and the Design Group (SP plus two others). The Parish Council have given the go-ahead and agreed to write to SCDC to outline their intentions. They appear to be keen to expand the village and encourage new businesses, and to this end are going to join the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce.

SP to ask the committee for interest in meeting with the Parish Council

6. Northstowe Update

SCDC's push for improving the quality of the proposed development was discussed.

7. SHLAA and SCDC Local Plan Update

Consultation on the Issues and Options will take place this summer, starting on 13 July for 10 weeks. The papers are due to be published on 20 June.

The Design Group should review the documents and submit comments.

AD to organise meeting to draft comments

8. Poundbury Visit

Discussion deferred until WM present.

8a. Alternative Visit/Talk Proposals

SP has emailed the owner of one of the new houses on Church Lane to ask about the possibility of a site visit, but has not yet received a response.

SP to continue trying to contact the owners about the possibility of showing a small group around

Discussion of the Letchworth sustainable housing and war memorials proposals deferred until WM present.

9. CVDG Newsletter

The next newsletter could include a write-up of the Poundbury and/or Church Lane visits and details of the SHLAA sites around Cottenham being consulted on.

10. Any Other Business

None.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Next committee meeting Tuesday 11 September 2012, 7:45pm at 5 Curringtons Close