



SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Shaftesbury Cross Boundary Working Group – Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 25th October 2012 at 12.00 pm at Shaftesbury Town Hall

Present: Cllr Lester Dibben (STC)
Cllr Val Pothecary (NDDC)
Cllr Tony Deane (Wiltshire Council)
Cllr Jeane Barnes (Donhead St Mary Parish Council)
Cllr C Price (Bourton Parish Council)

In attendance: Claire Commons (Committee Clerk, STC)
Stephen Harris (Community Area Manager, SW Wiltshire Council)
Hilary Ritchie (Regeneration Policy Manager, NDDC)
Philip Nelson (Highways, DCC)

Cllr Dibben opened the meeting and asked the requirement for a secretariat. It was suggested that the group would meet 2 -3 times per year.

Apologies were received from Cllr Mervyn Jeffery, Colin Winder, Graham Yewer, Cllr Raymond, Cllr Green and David Lewers.

1. Cllr Deane reported being well on the way to organising a meeting at Chichester. There would be talks regarding dualling of A350 and A303 to take place on 3rd November 2012.
2. Cllr Dibben reported that he had received a letter from Bob Walter MP and corresponding response from the LEP. He reported that 9 MP's were all voicing the importance of the A303 and A350 and asked if MP's should be invited to the meeting on November 3rd. It was suggested that they be sent the agenda and invited either to attend or send comments.
3. Cllr Dibben **PROPOSED**, Cllr Pothecary **SECONDED** and it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Tony Deane be the Deputy Chair of the working group.
4. It was reported that the North Dorset Parish meeting discussed A350 and travellers. They expressed the need for better cross boundary discussions with regards to transit traveller sites. Cllr Deane reported that the Wiltshire appeared to be to place additional pitches on existing sites so that they can then report vacancies. It was suggested that Baker Associates included cross boundary talks.
5. It was reported that the Client Manager from the Highways Agency had not responded to requests to attend the meeting. It was agreed to continue attempts to engage with the agency. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Dibben would write to MP's and Cllr Deane would write to Wiltshire Highways.

Phil Nelson spoke on behalf of DCC Highways reporting that the A350 at Sturminster Marshall was planned for improvement next year. It was requested that Phil Nelson made

his colleagues aware of the work of the group. The group was advised of the strategic 5 year plan for Highways. It was discussed that an economic case should be made for a spur road from the A303 to the new Gillingham development and to extend on to Shaftesbury.

6. It was noted that Stephen Harris had offered to share the secretariat role. It was suggested that the group met once in each county per year.
7. It was agreed that Highways was covered sufficiently under item 5. In addition, it was noted that the AONB covered all three counties. That there was consideration of the way planning officers and conservation officers approached matters and this should be looked at.
8. It was reported that a website was still in the process of being put together therefore all group members were asked to spread the news.
9. There was no other business to discuss.
10. It was agreed that the date and time of next meeting would be set for early in 2013 and would be arranged by Stephen Harris. Gillingham Town Council would be host.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1.20 pm.