

Emberton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
(A Committee of Emberton Parish Council)
Minutes of Meeting – 17th December 2019

Present: Richard Laval – Chairman
 Andy McGrandle
 David Barton
 Ray Brown
 Elizabeth Dench
 Steve Gibson
 Karen Goss
 Fred Markland

Chris Akrill – Town Planning Services

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies for Absence were received from Victoria McLean and George Proud. It was noted that Steve Gibson was attending the meeting on behalf of Vicki McLean.
2. **Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda** – There were no Declarations of Interest.
3. **Emberton School Field** – Chris stated that he had received a telephone call from David Blandamer, senior planning officer at MKC in charge of neighbourhood planning. Mr Blandamer stated that the school field was being considered by Your MK as a site to be put forward.

A discussion took place as to whether the school field should be considered as a site within the plan or whether the group should continue with the Acorn Nursery site. It was noted that there had not been any communication regarding the school field and a decision to close the school had not been made. The group spoke about the next stage of the plan going to the examination stage and the fact that the plan could be refused if the school site was not considered. If this was the case, the examiner could ask that the plan be amended but the group could withdraw the plan, reconsider and resubmit. Once the plan was submitted under Article 15, there would be a six week consultation before examination. It was noted that the proposed settlement boundary would include the school field. The group agreed not to allocate the school field as green space. Reference was made to having a policy in the plan relating to designated market housing. Concern was raised about having 45 houses on the Acorn Nurseries site for residents living nearby. Suggestion made that the plan could state a housing figure of “around 45” as in the Lavendon plan.

4. **Next stage** - It was agreed to take the plan forward omitting the number of houses on the Acorn site. Ray stated that he did not agree with this. It was agreed to remove the school field as a local green space. It was agreed that Chris would

amend the plan to take into the points raised regarding the school and its use if it were no longer a school and also look at designated market housing. The plan would then be reissued for comment.

5. Date of next meeting – to be agreed

The meeting closed at 8.14pm

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