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**Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Delivery and Monitoring Group Meeting  
held at Corsham Town Hall on Thursday 27 February 2025**

**Present** Councillor S Abbott (Chair)  
J Peeters (Resident)  
Councillor R Williams

**In Attendance** K Gilby (Finance and Planning Officer)  
D Martin (Chief Executive)

**DMG 232 Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Councillors T Bush, N Farmer and G McCaffery. Also from C Johnson (Pickwick Association) and Wiltshire Councillor D Walters.

**DMG 233 Public Question Time and Petitions.**

There were none.

**DMG 234 Declarations of Interest**

To receive any Declaration(s) of Interest under Corsham Town Council's Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

There were none.

**DMG 235 Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Delivery and Monitoring Group Meeting held on Thursday 16 January 2025**

**Agreed:** That the Minutes be agreed as a true record.

**DMG 236 Matters arising from the above Minutes**

The Link Officer at Wiltshire Council had confirmed that the housing targets for Neighbourhood Plans were not being adjusted in light of the recent changes to the NPPF.

**DMG 237 Housing Needs Survey Update**

There had been over 60 responses to the Housing Needs Survey. These had been passed to AECOM who were carrying out a Housing Needs Assessment for Corsham. AECOM would prefer the data to have been analysed by the Town Council. A draft report was expected from them within the next few weeks.

**Agreed:** The Chief Executive would analyse the survey results.

## **DMG 238 Character Assessment Update**

26 of the 28 areas had been or were in the process of being assessed. There were still two areas which did not have an assessor – the new Copenacre and Portland Rise developments.

**Agreed:** The Finance and Planning Officer would email those who had already completed Character Assessments to ask for volunteers to carry out the final two assessments.

## **DMG 239 Non-Designated Heritage Assets and Local Green Spaces**

The following sites had been put forward for consideration as non-designated heritage assets:

(Note: None of the items below had been assessed against the eligibility criteria)

Corsham Lake.

Dry Arch bridge in Corsham Park.

10 High Street (Yummy Kebab).

12-14 High Street (Inspired Hair Saloon).

23 High Street (Jaipur Restaurant).

24 High Street (Barnett Brothers).

31 High Street Arnold House and the 'Guide Hut' behind.

61 High Street (Old Bank House).

86 High Street (once The Bell Inn).

90 High Street (Once Johnsons Bakery for many years).

Ice-house at Hartham Park and in Corsham Park.

12 Pickwick Road (ex White Lion pub).

The fabulous view on the old quarry slope path to the top of the hill from the corner of Rowan Lane off the Westwells Road.

The MoD reservoir at the end of Pockeredge Drive.

The new Stone Quarry Blocks monument on the junction of A4 / Park Lane.

The old water pump in No. 81 High Street garden.

The Well House in Corsham Court's garden.

WWII Bunker at the end of Pockeredge Drive alongside the Box Tunnel entrance.

Many of the sites suggested were already Listed. Once those had been removed the list consisted of:

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**Agreed:** The Chief Executive and Finance and Planning Officer would check the remaining sites against the eligibility criteria as they may have an alternative type of protection.

The following sites had been put forward for consideration as Local Green Spaces:

(Note: None of the items below had been assessed against the eligibility criteria):

Allen Road Playpark and Dog Park areas.  
Bences Lane Play park green areas.  
Corsham Cricket Field.  
Corsham Recreation Ground Meriton Avenue.  
Dicketts Road Play Park.  
Dog walk field north of Academy Drive.  
Freestone Way Play park.  
Green area east of Academy Drive.  
Green spaces in front of Kings Avenue.  
Green spaces surrounding the Corsham Primary School in Pound Pill.  
Katherine Park play field.  
Land between Bath Stone Crescent and Masons Way  
Land between Katherine Park and Masons Way  
Leafy Lane Playing Fields.  
Regis School Field behind the Laggar.  
Rudloe Westwood Road play park area.  
Springfield Play area.  
Station Road / Stokes Road allotments and the adjacent War Memorial  
The Almshouses garden.  
The Batters space.  
The field between the Catholic Church on the A4 Pickwick and Guyers House  
The green space behind numbers 60-78 Priory Street  
The green space behind the Mansion House.  
The green space between Queens Avenue and the A4.  
The Grove House gardens.

Two of the sites put forward were not in Corsham Parish. Once those had been removed the list consisted of:

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Two further sites were suggested for assessment – The community garden at The Pound and the green area on the southeast side of Brook Drive.

**Agreed:** Garry Ford, Environmental Projects Officer, would assess the sites put forward for consideration as Local Green Spaces. If approved, the sites could be added to the Green Infrastructure Map. This approach would be discussed with DLP.

#### **DMG 240     Wiltshire Playing Pitch Strategy**

The latest playing pitch strategy information from December 2024 was available here:

<https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ielIssueDetails.aspx?Id=121841&PlanId=0&Opt=3#AI117581>.

Appendix 1 was helpful but Appendix 2 (Strategic Action Plan) for Corsham was limited to 3G at Leafy Lane and resurfacing the hockey pitch at the Campus.

There was a need for additional sports facilities in the town with many existing clubs travelling to other towns and villages to use their facilities.

**Agreed:** To ask Councillors who were representatives on the Sports Forum to consider the Strategy and advise a way forward for the Neighbourhood Plan as far as future sports facility provision was concerned.

#### **DMG 241     Maps**

Consideration was given to some of the maps in the current Neighbourhood Plan as it was felt that some of the content may not be relevant to the revised Neighbourhood Plan:

- i) Figure 3 shows an area for a possible new supermarket in the Town Centre. Discussions with supermarkets had revealed that this site was not considered large enough to site a supermarket.

#### **Agreed:**

To remove the business start-up area from the plan as Digital Mansion Corsham is now fully functioning.

To alter the wording 'possible new supermarket' to reflect the fact that commercial use at ground level was still desirable, proposals could

also incorporate residential use at first floor level. DLP would be asked if they were in a position to provide alternative options for the plan.

- ii) Figure 4 – Rural Green Buffer – the group considered whether the areas included need revising.

**Agreed:**

To make a small amendment to the plan to enable a possible vehicular access to the station site.

- iii) Figure 6 – The Corsham Link - Considering that part of the link would involve use of land which was in private ownership, the group considered its inclusion in the revised Corsham Neighbourhood Plan.

**Agreed:**

To ask the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan Group to review the plan and consider its inclusion in the revised Neighbourhood Plan. It may be that the output from the group would suggest alternatives for inclusion.

The need for additional community facilities was discussed. This could be posed as a question during community consultation.

Drainage issues at Westwells were discussed. Drainage was felt not to be part of the remit of the Group and should be dealt with by the appropriate authorities.

**DMG 242 Project Plan**

The updated Project Plan was considered. There had been some time slippage. The Chief Executive and Finance and Planning Officer would be meeting with DLP on 13 March to discuss the Plan with the aim of getting as much of the review as possible documented. The financial grant from Locality was funding this work.

**DMG 243 Neighbourhood Plan Delivery and Monitoring Group Annual Report**

The Neighbourhood Plan Delivery and Monitoring Group Annual Report was considered.

**Agreed:** That the Annual Report be noted.

**DMG 244 Date and time of next meeting.**

The next meeting of the Group would be at 7pm on Wednesday 16 April 2025.