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Minutes of the **Chickerell Neighbourhood Plan sub-group** held on **Tuesday 6 June 2017** at the Town Council Suite, Putton Lane, Chickerell, Dorset at 12.00 noon.

PRESENT:

Cllr John Dean (Mayor) Cllr Ian Gardner Cllr John Worth
Mrs Mo Newport

APOLOGIES

Cllr Mrs Lyn Wise Cllr Mike Jolliffe (not present)
Mrs Nicola Briar

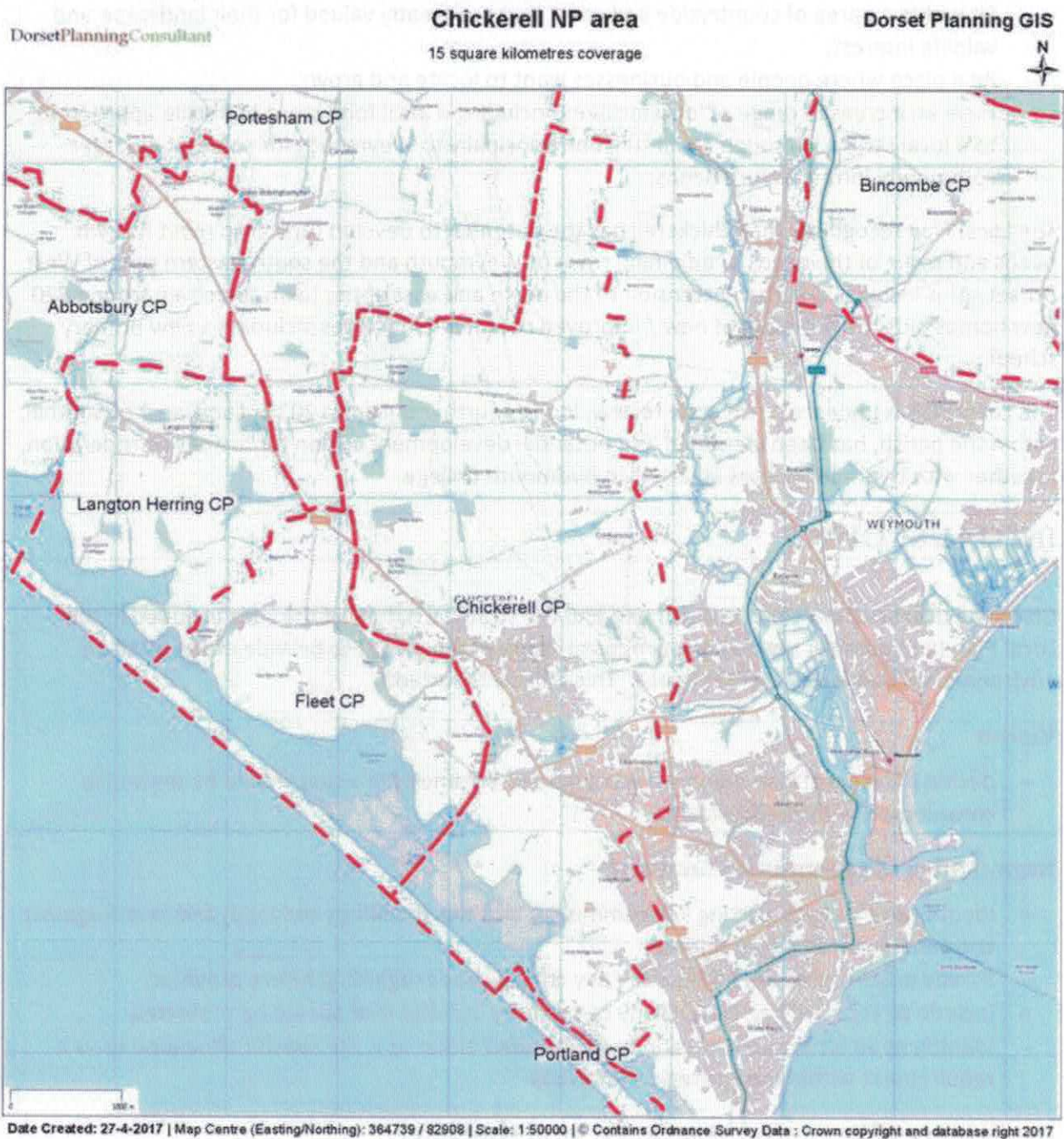
Sub-group met to review Neighbourhood Project Plan and agree timescales.

- 1 Meeting read and discussed Project Plan received including Local Plan Context for Chickerell, Initial Scoping and Draft Project Plan (*see Annex 1*).
- 2 Reviewed timescales for the plan and acknowledged the overall forecast was favourable (*see Annex 2*).
- 3 Funding grants to be explored for application via Locality and engagement with a Planning Consultant to assist with areas such as specialist advice, support and plan drafting. Town Council access to financial support also needs to be explored.
ACTION: MN to revisit funding grant, explore Town Council financial support and contact a consultant with a view to obtaining formal quotation.
- 4 Consultation within our community was discussed and agreed to be partly achieved by way of a questionnaire produced in hard copy format. The results of findings will be valuable in our evidence gathering stage.
ACTION: IG to provide draft copy at next meeting.
ACTION: MN to explore distribution options.
- 5 Meeting discussed the group structure and agreed should be in the form of a committee including Town Council representatives and outside bodies/members of our community with meetings scheduled once a quarter. In addition a focus sub-committee group will meet once a month.
ACTION: MN to contact interested parties and invite to future meetings.
- 6 Next Meeting: Tuesday 18 July 2017 at 12.00 noon (sub-committee).

Chickerell Neighbourhood Plan: Project Plan

This note is intended to provide the context for the project plan of the Chickerell Neighbourhood Plan, based on the emerging scope.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA



The Neighbourhood Plan area was agreed by West Dorset District Council in September 2016. The area follows the Chickerell parish boundary covering some 15 square kilometres and a population of approximately 5,500 people (2,500 dwellings).

LOCAL PLAN CONTEXT FOR CHICKERELL

The Chickerell Neighbourhood Plan will need to be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland Local Plan (adopted October 2015).

The Local Plan contains a Vision for Chickerell, which is that in 2031 Chickerell will:

- Continue to have a distinct identity separate from Weymouth;
- Sit within an area of countryside and coast that are greatly valued for their landscape and wildlife interest;
- Be a place where people and businesses want to locate and grow;
- Have an increased range of local facilities, including a local food store of a scale appropriate to a local centre, although it will still look principally to Weymouth for some of its larger community infrastructure needs.

The Local Plan recognises that Chickerell has the potential to develop further to meet its own needs and some of the needs of adjoining town of Weymouth and the south-eastern part of West Dorset. This includes an urban extension to the north and east of the town to deliver around 820 new homes plus the provision of new / improved community facilities including a new primary school.

The Local Plan is undergoing an early review, looking further ahead to 2036. Land west of Southill, within the parish, has been identified as a potential development option for further consideration, together with two smaller sites adjacent to Budmouth College.

INITIAL SCOPING

Given the degree of development planned and the strategic nature of the sites included in the Local Plan (and possible review), the proposed scope of the plan is to provide more detail on environmental and infrastructure issues. This is likely to include:

Vision

- decide if the Local Plan vision is appropriate or an amended vision should be drafted in consultation with local residents

Importance of community facilities

- Identify and protect existing key community facilities (buildings and land) and assess against current standards where relevant
- Survey existing providers to identify any critical issues regarding future provision
- Include policy clarifying existing key community facilities that should be protected
- Identify need for future provision to be included either as a site specific allocation or as a requirement within the strategic allocations

Importance of key green spaces and local character

- Review available information eg landscape character appraisals etc
- Identify and map important green spaces and other important character features for review (include aspects highlighted through consultation)
- Assess sites for inclusion as local green spaces (against NPPF criteria)
- Include policies providing an appropriate degree of protection to the above attributes

DRAFT PROJECT PLAN

The following provides an overview for the remaining period to March 2018.

- **May:** publicise agreed scope and invite feedback – if necessary review whether this should be extended
- **May – July:** undertake evidence gathering to inform household questionnaire
- **June:** submit SEA screening request based on proposed scope
- **September:** finalise consultation on findings and proposals
- **October** (or November if SEA required): consultation, with results analysed by December.
- **January – February:** plan drafting

If kept on track this would lead to pre-submission consultation approximately May 2018, submission in October 2018 for the plan's examination, and the plan officially 'made' in June 2019.

