

**Meeting of Steering Committee  
on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Present

Giles Baxter (GB)  
Irene Steinbrecher (IS)  
Charles Campion (CC)  
Chris Neil (CN)  
Estelle James (EJ)  
Simon Russell (SR)  
Gerry Moscrop (GM)  
Christopher Purvis (CP)  
Rob Hollin (RH) representing the school governors

In attendance

Chris Brotherton (CB) of Thomas Homes

- 1) GB provided a quick update on the situation with Locality:
  - a. Locality report drafted and circulated. Just needs fee estimates from CB. Locality encouraged us to aim high. With two sites we should be applying for £50K for each, and there is no formal limit. **CB agreed** to have the submission in by Friday 14<sup>th</sup>, and to let Locality know it is coming.
- 2) Surgery Matters. EJ explained the position with the CCG and PCN, namely that the CCG required the PCN to be supportive before they would hold a meeting on future rent arrangements. EJ explained that two of the practices (Marcham, Long Furlong) in the PCN were supportive, but that the Berinsfield practice may be less so, not least because from their perspective they might prefer the CH practice to close and move to Berinsfield.
  - a. The meeting expressed their strong support for the CH surgery and its place within the fabric of the community.
  - b. The line of least resistance is to get the Berinsfield practice to support the scheme. **EJ and IS will have an initial meeting**. If the support of the committee is needed at a subsequent meeting to argue the case from a community perspective, then they would do so.
  - c. **GB, CN and GM agreed** to meet and put together a case, based both on VSCs for CH and the potential benefit of a new surgery with space for additional services which could be shared (eg physiotherapy), to help with the initial meeting
  - d. CN noted that a successful application for a new surgery in the green belt in CH could help BF through the establishment of precedent.
- 3) CB's report.
  - a. Has stopped work on designing the scheme until the two main risks around VSCs are addressed.
  - b. The future of the surgery – as above
  - c. The long term future of the school, in light of 3500/750 new houses at Culham, and 1700 at BF. **RH agreed** to take the lead on establishing the school governors and diocesan view. If needs be, he would go with

CB (who knows the diocese well) to meet the diocesan staff and seek their support/confirmation that the school has a long term future.

- 4) GB led a discussion on the funding model. CC explained that CC and CB had meet for a 'first pass' at the finances. **It was decided** that any further discussion on finances should be deferred until after the two key risks had been addressed and we are confident that the scheme is still valid, and that all 4 parties can continue to support it. This would mean an 'open book' approach to the finances, and that the scheme must be, and must seen to be, community led.
- 5) **The next meeting** will held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm at Lower Town Farmhouse. The main purpose of the meeting will be for EJ/IS to report progress with the PCN, and RH/CB to report progress with the school.

GB

10 February 2020