Medbourne Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19 April 2017 19.30 at Medbourne Sports Club

There were 7 members of the public present including Councillor Shaen-Carter, 3 Consultants from YL and members of the Theme Groups

1. Apologies were received from Tim Gidley-Wright and Meriel Godfrey

2. BL Welcomed people to the meeting and introduced the format of the meeting

3. CJ Declared an interest as a Landowner of one on the proposed sites and accepted that she would leave the meeting should there be any detailed discussion

4. The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March were approved

5. Matters Arising – Public Engagement

   5.1. Young People – BL reported on the event held attended by 15 young people who were able to express their views as to what the plan should address
   5.2. Questionnaire – GK reported that this was an excellent response. In response to a question on the expected percentage return to questionnaires he stated that anything above 20% was considered acceptable and therefore a 43% return exceeded expectations
   5.3. Project Plan – This will be revised at the May meeting following a meeting with the Parish Council to confirm any amendments to timing
   5.4. Finance – BL confirmed that following a review of finance there is no longer a need to proceed with a bid for additional funds other than the second tranche of funds for the locality bid

6. Public Representations* - There were none

7. Emerging Policies - Theme Group leads reported on the progress of the emerging policies and how they will combine to form our draft Neighbourhood Plan

   Housing - DN reported that the focus had been on clarifying all proposed sites following a letter to Landowners. Together with BL he had visited the majority of sites and communicated with the Landowner to confirm their intention. A Site sustainability analysis had been carried out for each site enabling the group to rank each site in order. The results demonstrate that there are suitable sites that will
enable development of the required number of properties although the exact number required by HDC will not be known until June.

There followed questions as to cross referencing and policy development

**Community Facilities, Business and Transport** – MD reported that the group had undertaken research into what business there was currently in Medbourne and the transport available. They have been very quickly able to move to develop policies taking the information obtained from the Questionnaire responses. Recognised that Medbourne has quite a good range of facilities and amenities for a small village but sustaining these could present a challenge although from the questionnaire responses suggest an increase is needed. This may or may not be achievable with an increase in Housing. There was some crossover with Environment notably on the value of footpaths

Transport Roads and Parking – There had been significant comment during consultation notably on parking, speed through the village and public transport. The discussion suggested the need for very few policies in this area which could have greater impact

**Heritage and Environment** – In MG’s absence the feedback was given by John Martin YL consultant. They had met 8 times and undertaken considerable research which ensured that they had a large body of evidence. This is now being developed into individual policies. He tabled a map that showed Ridge and Furrow fields, other sites of environmental significance and areas important for wildlife and history.

Following questions GK explained what was needed to be achieve at least 7 days prior to the Village Open Event on May 13th. It was therefore agreed that the TG leads and other MNPAC and TG members if available, needed to meet over the next couple of weeks to look at areas of potential conflict or support and what this would mean in terms of developing policies and any impact on sites. It was accepted that this was a lot of work to complete over a short space of time but agreed that this could be done

8. Parish Council Meeting Report
Councillor LE reported that there was nothing of relevance to the MNPAC discussed

**Date of next meeting - 17 May 2017**