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NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN MEETING 23 JULY 2024

Present: Cllr Robert Barnett, Cllr Natalie Clements, Cllr Virginia Grant (chairman),
Cllr Steve Smith

District Cllr Jill Rayner

14 members of the public

Sarah Bates, parish clerk

Report of meeting

Introduction and welcome from the chairman of the parish council, Virginia Grant (VG). VG outlined the steps to creating a neighbourhood development plan (NDP), the first being the designation of the NDP area, which requires approval from the district council. This was signed off earlier this year. The area designation for KBS includes a parcel of land within Fyfield & Tubney parish to the east of the sports field. The next step is the plan/order drafting which will take the longest to achieve as it requires consensus on what to include.

Cllr Robert Barnett outlined background on the new Labour government's policy with regard to planning which will allow local councils to identify grey belt sites from within the existing green belt, or developers can submit applications for sites they can define as grey belt. At this early stage under the new government it is unclear how much weight NDPs will continue to carry however, the parish council will continue to work towards development of certain key aspects for now, to be subsumed into a full plan later on.

The parish council would like to form a steering group to include a number of local residents as it is important that this is not driven solely by the parish council.

The initial action on the plan/order drafting will be to define a settlement boundary with the aim that inside the boundary, unless otherwise covered by an exception, development will be permitted.

Call to local residents to submit suggestions for infrastructure/facilities needed, a list that is required for future reference whether or not an NDP is produced. Email the clerk at clerk@kbsparishcouncil.org.uk using the subject line *NDP*.

Next meeting Wed 4 Sept, 6.30pm, Swallow Room, Village Hall.