

Steering Group Minutes

Wednesday 22 October 2025

1. Notes of last meeting (August) and any matters arising

Apologies; Eleanor Vamplew, Cllr Simon Wilkinson, Cllr Colin Burgess

2. Update on progress so far including some of the resident's feedback.

Two consultations had taken place so far, thanks to Viv who had typed up the information from them.

It was noted there was no mention of the Crossfield Hall redevelopment at the Woodley consultation and that potentially, that was because it was only a town centre matter. It was also noted that it was not up for consultation in any case, as it was nothing to do with the town council.

There were not many families attending the Woodley consultation, it was hoped that there would be more attending the Abbotswood consultation,

It was felt that it had not gone badly, despite not as many people attending as had been thought.

The matter of communications to people were discussed and how to cover all bases.

The idea of an A board was mooted outside of the hall to draw people in.

Consideration was given to potentially putting something in the advertiser about the consultations, but also noting that Facebook seemed to be the main method of communication.

There would be a follow up with an online survey focused on matters raised by the listening days.

3. Who do we want to talk to in addition to the residents' engagements? For example, disability group(s), Youth in Romsey? TVBC Planners?

It was agreed that youth groups; Army, sea and air cadets, sports clubs, football, cricket, etc, would be consulted, potentially a listening day at Ganger Farm could be added, and that would pick up more families and children.

The Guide and Scout Movement would be consulted also Romsey Young Carers, and the possibility of having youth ambassadors to talk to young people was raised as an idea.

Phil would speak to the Chamber of Commerce to see about putting an email out to businesses to engage with the process, and it was planned that the listening days would be completed by Christmas.

4. Sub Groups

Subgroups have been formed Cllr Critchley would email out the groups and put together a summary of objectives and an explanation of what is needed from each subgroup.

It was noted that so far, just problems have been raised, but solutions need to be proposed too.

A boundary map would be sent in by Tim for the sub groups.

It was agreed that other neighbourhood plans should be used to inform solutions, and that the document that the group produced must be a usable document, preferably with an executive summary. It should be about policies that can easily be applied to planning applications, and it was felt that there should be a section on community aspirations.

5. Provisional dates for early 2026

The next listening day was on Saturday, 1st November, at Abbotswood.

There would be four members of the committee attending and the CO was asked to produce some signs and 100 flyers.

The next meetings for the groups were the 26th November and 17th December. And the group would continue to meet on Wednesday nights throughout January, February and March next year, preferably mid-month.

6. AOB

It was noted that other consultations were going on whilst the NHP were such as a health stakeholder meeting and the South of TC Masterplan.

Funding; Tim raised that he and Sarah had gone to the portfolio group to ask for a revision of funding, and as a result, grant from £2500 to £10000 would be available. So Romsey will be able to claim funding through the application process that TVBC would devise.

Dates of future meetings: Wednesdays 26 November & 17 December at 19:30 in the Town Hall