

**Selborne
Village Design Statement
(SVDS)**

Appendix 1

**Village Design Statement
Consultation Process**

EXTRACTS FROM SELBORNE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
re
THE VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT v. A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

10 September 2014

9. To receive an update on the Selborne Village Design Statement

A verbal report was received from Cllr Miss J Clay. Cllr Mrs S Bennett, Cllr Miss J Clay and Cllr Mrs M Palmer have formed a sub group, also including Mr J Liddle and Mr S Bennett, which plans to hold a Public meeting on 30th October 2014 at 7.45pm in Selborne village hall. Representatives from the SDNPA and EHDC will also be attending to help raise awareness and encourage others to get involved. SDNPA is also planning to conduct a Built Environment Characterisation Study to get a strategic view across the national park, and Selborne has been chosen as one of the 20 villages to be included in this study. The Clerk was asked to confirm whether the EHDC grant for £750 to update the current Selborne VDS has been received.

RESOLUTION: That the EHDC grant money of £750 from EHDC be passed to The Selborne Association when it has been received, and that they be asked to administer this to update the Selborne VDS. Proposed by Cllr J Dingle, seconded by Cllr S Bennett. All in favour. Cllr D Ashcroft suggested that a minimum plot size was needed more quickly than the timescale for the production of the updated Selborne VDS.

ACTION: That the Clerk contact EHDC and seek advice on minimum plot size and the weight that it carries within planning legislation. Also to find out what other parishes have in place regarding minimum plot size. This will inform debate at next meeting in October.

10. To discuss the feasibility of undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan for Selborne Parish.

The Chairman opened the discussion by outlining his views on the pros and cons of neighbourhood plans. Neighbourhood plans are very time consuming and expensive and probably more than Selborne Parish Council can do on their own. Chawton and Farringdon Parishes are also in the same position, so a suggestion had been put forward to join up with neighbouring parishes that were of similar nature to approach this together. This could potentially include Worldham as well.

The Councillors then discussed the options regarding the feasibility of undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan, and possible options available to Selborne Parish Council.

RESOLUTION: That the Chairman should be given approval to investigate the potential costs and benefits of undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan, either as a sole parish, or in conjunction with other parishes with whom we share a boundary.

Proposed Cllr G Earney, seconded Cllr D Ashcroft. 7 in favour, 1 against.

8 October 2014

14. To discuss the response received from the SDNPA regarding 'minimum plot sizes', and agree a date for a workshop with representatives from the SDNPA to consider the matter more fully.

A workshop for Councillors has been arranged for Wednesday 29th October at 7.30pm in Oakhanger Village Hall with Chris Paterson from the SDNPA to discuss this matter further. This will not be a public meeting.

12 November 2014

10. To receive an update on the Selborne Village Design Statement (VDS).

A public meeting with SDNPA and EHDC had recently been held to give an outline of where a VDS sits within the planning process. The members of the public who attended were in agreement with updating the Selborne VDS, and the working group is taking this forward.

10 December 2014

9. To receive an update on the Selborne Village Design Statement.

Cllr Mrs M Palmer reported that there had been a recent meeting with approximately 25 people who are interested in taking forward the revision of the VDS. These people had been divided into small working groups who were working on specific topics. A draft would be ready by March 2015 which would go to the local community for comment.

14 January 2015

9. To receive an update on the Selborne Village Design Statement.

John Liddle, Chair of the VDS Group, was invited to address the Council. He reported that there had been a good start to the project, with a mixture of

Councillors and volunteers attending two meetings. 6 teams have been formed who are looking at the toolkit, provided by the SDNPA. Need to update existing VDS to include greater detail, including details of buildings, etc. An architect and a surveyor living in Selborne village are being asked to join in with team work.

Cllr Miss J Clay offered to chase the consultant involved with the SDNPA. Councillors were JC asked to help find other people with expertise to help with the VDS.

11 February 2015

11. To receive an update on the Village Design Statement

Cllr Mrs M Palmer reported that volunteers were now in groups and working on different chapters. Richard Dollamore has left the SDNPA and his work is temporarily being covered by Chris Fairbrother until his replacement as Design Officer is appointed.

11 March 2015

11. To receive an update on the Selborne Village Design Statement.

Cllr Mrs M Palmer reported that various VDS groups are meeting and going through their allotted chapters. A meeting of all the groups will be held on 19th March to go through the information compiled so far. Remaining members of the public left the meeting.

8 April 2015

To receive an update on the Selborne Village Design Statement.

9. Cllr Mrs M Palmer reported that various groups are finalising their draft chapters. The Clerk was asked to add this to the June agenda for a further update, and invite John Liddle to speak to the new council.

Thanks were expressed to John Liddle for his work in co-ordinating the VDS work.

10. To receive an update on the progress of the Local Landscape Character Assessment (LLCA) endorsement.

Cllr Miss J Clay reported that the existing VDS had previously been adopted by EHDC. The SDNPA system has taken some time to get organised but they were now ready to endorse the new LLCA. This should be done on its own and not wait for the updated VDS. Thanks were expressed to David Newth for his hard work in co-ordinating the LLCA work. The Clerk was asked to add this to the June agenda for a further update.

10 June 2015

15/28 To receive an update on the Selborne Village Design Statement from John Liddle.

John Liddle, Chair of the Selborne VDS committee, gave a short update to the councillors on the current status of the update to the VDS. This is progressing well with groups currently working on individual chapters. The group aims to complete the document by the end of the year.

The SDNPA toolkit suggests that we consider what makes the village characteristic under 5 headings:

1 The Village Context

This section places the village in its geographical, historical, social and economic context. The team working on this section has completed it in draft, together with relevant photographs and maps.

2 The character of the landscape setting

David Newth, who led the team which wrote Selborne's LLCA, is leading this section. They have focused on the views from within the village and those from outside looking into the village. They have also highlighted the importance of the green spaces that lie within the village. They have taken many photographs and have almost completed their draft.

3 Settlement pattern and special character types

This group has produced maps, which show how the village has developed over time. The spatial types team has recorded the differences in building density between the historic core of Selborne and the lower densities to be found towards the edges of the village. Cross references are being developed between the output of this section and the building types analysis in the next section.

4 Buildings in the village

Detailed notes and many photographs have been taken by the team working on this section. They have had recourse to architectural primers to assist them when describing the special features of buildings. Their work is almost complete and when finished will include photographs of a small number of building types which are characteristic of the village.

5 Streets and lanes

This section has included a review of parking areas, street furniture and signs and contains a cross reference to the Hamilton Baillie report on shared space solutions to control speeding traffic.

General

The SDNPA has commissioned an architect to undertake surveys of key villages in the Park, including Selborne. In addition, the team reviewing settlement policy boundaries, will also be here soon.

The next steps are to complete the first draft of the narrative sections and submit them for review by our editing team. In the absence of an architect in our group, Gren and Jan Earney's daughter Sarah, who is an architect, has kindly agreed to look at the section on buildings in the village.

Cllr Dingle expressed his thanks, on behalf of the Parish Council, for the work that is being done on the VDS.

John Liddle left the meeting at 20.16.

13 April 2016

15/294 – To receive the report on the Department for Communities and Local Government’s consultation on national planning policy, and reconsider if there is a need for individual Neighbourhood Plans for Selborne, Oakhanger and Blackmoor, and/or the parish as a whole.

Cllr Mrs M Palmer suggested dealing with the agenda item in two parts, (1) the DCLG report and (2) neighbourhood plans for the parish:

1. Cllr Mrs M Palmer proposed that the report on the Department for Communities and Local Government’s consultation on national planning policy should be noted. All agreed.

2. Councillors discussed whether the situation had changed regarding the need for individual **Neighbourhood Plans for Selborne, Oakhanger and Blackmoor, and/or the parish as a whole**. After a lengthy discussion Cllr J Dingle proposed that this item be deferred until the new Housing Act had passed through parliament. Cllr Mrs M Palmer then added to the proposal that the item should be deferred until the draft SDNPA Local Plan had been completed and adopted and the updated Selborne VDS had been adopted by the SDNPA. Cllr J Dingle then proposed that **the item be deferred indefinitely**.

All agreed and was duly RESOLVED.