

Woodhouse Parish Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group Meeting

MINUTES from Wednesday 27th November 2019, 6:45pm-8:30pm Village Hall, Woodhouse Eaves

Present: Gary Kirk, Neil Davidson, Merrin Pearce, Richard Mollart, Bertil Schou, Cathy Schou, Ann Irving, Peter Searancke, Chris Drane, Iqbal Rassool, Mark Elliott

Apologies: Malcolm Whitmore, Kate Moore, Tim Sault

ITEM	NOTES & ACTIONS
1. Theme Group Progress Reports	<p>ND: Housing group awaiting the results of CBC's site call-out (already has results of Parish call-out). To avoid delays to the NP, Paul Gilding (Principal Planning Officer at CBC) will inform our group as sites are offered. Derek Doran will commence site assessment using the HTG SSA matrix and will circulate initial pass for general review by the AG combining Housing, Environment and Sustainability considerations.</p> <p>IR: Environment group is reviewing first draft of policies. Discovered that YL representative was using material that was incomplete. Has been rectified and work to continue over Christmas with complete material. Survey of whole parish is complete. Key areas have been identified for green space designation and/or additional protection (including among others: Long Close Meadow, Herrick Road, The Churchyard, The allotments etc...)</p> <p>Group queried whether the Parish boundary was the same as the NP boundary. AI confirmed that it is. Group also raised the issue of retaining areas of separation between the Parish and surrounding areas. Specifically, the group is looking at the South Loughborough boundary where the Woodthorpe development abuts the Parish boundary. MP has circulated the 'Green Wedges' document which pertains to this. GK clarified that the examiner will not pass a policy that aims to protect all the open countryside in this area, using the green wedges rationale alone, unless it is deemed that the settlements will join over the course of the next 15 years and the designation will prevent this from happening.</p> <p>RM: Sustainability group has been reviewed and feedback has been documented. Group to continue refining and developing policies. Golf courses were raised as an area that the group would need to look at. CS pointed out that they form important wildlife corridors. GK suggested that a general policy that covers circumstances in which the golf course wants to close and change usage. ME/RM Agreed that policies regarding the developed portion would need to be different to those regarding the green space around it.</p>
2. General Election Display / Flyer Distribution	<p>AG has been refused permission to display material during the general election. ND suggested that instead of a display, the flyer is used as the update. MP to revise flyer, organise printing and distribution. MP has had a quote for printing at £55 + there will be postage costs for postal distribution of 50 flyers. AI to send distribution list. AI also to send addresses.</p>
3. Charnwood Local Plan - update	<p>MP - Opportunity for public consultation on CBC Local Plan now. MP to recirculate dates and places.</p>
4. Next Steps	<p>ND - Whole group to come together in January to review/discuss sites before NP draft can be written</p>
5. Financial update	<p>CD has a record of three invoices from YL totalling £4,300; £1,114 remaining from the Locality Grant. GK - there are separate funds for assessment for affordable housing which can be applied for once the first grant is concluded. This would mean that the requirement from the Parish Council would be reduced from initial £5,000 allocated. (Remaining unspent funds from PC amount to £3,300.)</p>
6. Any other business	<p>IR - Raised the issue of Climate Change and how bold we should/could be with our policies. GK reminded the group that the policies must still be deliverable. GK referenced Hungerton and Clipston that are including a whole chapter of Climate Change policies.</p> <p>IR - Raised the issue of volume of accurate material gathered for NP and how this aligns to the content of the LP. Considering what our response should be to the LP - felt that we are in an informed position and should be responding.</p>
7. Date and time of next meeting	<p>Tuesday 14th January 6:45 - 8:45pm</p>