

Woodhouse Parish Neighbourhood Plan - Advisory Group Meeting

Minutes from Tuesday 14th Jan, 6:45pm-8pm, Annexe, Woodhouse Eaves

Present: Derek Doran, John Martin, Neil Davidson, Merrin Pearce, Richard Mollart, Bertil Schou, Cathy Schou, Ann Irving, Peter Searancke, Chris Drane, Iqbal Rassool, Malcolm Whitmore, Kate Moore, Dawn Daly, Sue Young

ITEM	DETAIL
<p>1. Theme Group Progress Reports; ND, IR, RM</p>	<p>Housing The group has assembled demographic information, MRHT survey, SHELAA site and landowner call-out responses. Group has also developed an understanding of the hierarchy of National to County to Borough to Parish housing planning policy strategies. The Charnwood Local Plan has allocated 160 housing sites to be delivered over the next 5 years via a group of 14 villages deemed 'other settlements'. Woodhouse Eaves is one of the 'other settlements' and its average allocation is therefore 11.4 (160/5). Woodhouse is designated as a hamlet so doesn't have an allocation. Up to 2036, the CW Local Plan allocation is 800 sites so the average allocation for Woodhouse Eaves is 57.</p> <p>Environment All the baseline field-work has now been completed (kudos to the hard-working team). Group now has comprehensive dataset that is being analysed by YourLocale representative. Some work has been commenced to create local green space and open space designations. Group needs to check whether any potential housing sites are in conflict with the potential green space designations. Group raised the issue of 'iconic viewpoints'. Requested that the group discuss this to inform policy development. Special character of Charnwood Forest is also an important issue for consideration when developing Env, Housing, Sustainability policies - ie there are issues over and above housing site allocation. Planning ahead v. important because the plan goes to 2036. Potentially another SSI designation in the village this month. Additionally, there is currently an application in progress for lottery funding to create a Charnwood Regional Park. If awarded it would be on the basis of protecting an area of important environmental, cultural and heritage significance. Our NP needs to consider this during our policy development stage. Question about re-wilding raised - potentially need to work this into the plan but advice by John Martin from YL is that there is no provision in the National Policy Framework for areas to be formally designated for rewilding. Can only be expressed in terms of ameliorating issues such as biodiversity and climate change impacts. MW to circulate some ideas about incorporating best practice planning/ policies for the future (specifically with regards to Climate Change and Environmental protection) into our NP.</p> <p>Sustainability Group has shared an updated version of draft 70-80% there. Has some question marks over forestry and farm diversification. Also some questions over policies in relation to large sites such as Welbeck, Beaumanor. Issue of policies in relation to farming was raised - about whether we need to incorporate something specific into our NP. Provision for environment credentials also raised (eg 3-phase power to be advocated to be incorporated into new developments to cater to electric vehicles). Acknowledged that there is cross-over here with the Housing Group.</p>
<p>2. Site review</p>	<p>Group reviewed all SHELAA and land-owner nominated sites on a map. Formal analysis of all sites to be undertaken. Housing and Environment group to conduct this assessment concurrently. DD recommended that we review the limits to development as part of this process.</p>
<p>3. Next Steps</p>	<p>Following analysis, land-owners to be contacted to communicate the findings of their site analysis. JM and DD discussed a rough outline of timeframes for project as a whole: April / May for presubmission consultation Amendments 6 week public consultation <i>(Potentially host another public event to coincide with Annual Parish Council event 4th May?)</i> June for secondary consultation Submission to the LPA</p>

	<p>Further 6 week consultation Examination Referendum</p>
<p>4. Any other business</p>	<p>Environment group proposed 6 sites to be designated as a Local Green Space of important cultural environmental significance. Designated green space provides statutory protection in perpetuity</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. St Pauls churchyard and Stone Hole 2. Woodhouse Eaves allotments 3. Herrick Green 4. Long Close Meadow with footpaths - very important ecologically 5. St Mary's churchyard in Old Woodhouse 6. Garat's Hay Spinney and Green <p>Environment group is also proposing sites for Important Open Spaces designation. List to be circulated to group.</p> <p>Environment group representatives Sue Young and Dawn Daly proposed the following Non-designated Heritage assets</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Selby's Model Windmill 2. The old slate pit Pumphouse at the Brand 3. The Pinfold Woodhouse 4. Long Close 5. The Village Hall 6. Stone Hole Quarry 7. Liberty Hall 8. Four wall-mounted letterboxes each from a different reign <p>Advisory Group approved the proposed list. Formal notification will now go to the owners of all the assets.</p>
<p>5. Date and time of next meetings</p>	<p>Housing Theme Group - 28th January - 7pm-8pm - Maplewell Farm Environment Theme Group - 28th January - VENUE, TIME TO BE CONFIRMED Advisory Group Meeting - 25th February - 7pm-8pm - VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED</p>