

# Woodhouse Parish Neighbourhood Plan Theme Group Chairs Meeting

## MINUTES from Monday 3rd June 2019, 7pm-8:15pm, Maplewell Farm, Woodhouse Eaves

Present: Gary Kirk, Neil Davidson, Richard Mollart, Iqbal Rassool, Merrin Pearce

| ITEM  | WHO | NOTES & ACTIONS   |
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| <b>Introduction</b>   | ND  | Introduced purpose of meeting for all 3 theme groups to exchange notes on progress to date and ensure alignment on project schedule.  |
| <b>Theme Group 1:<br/>Housing and The<br/>Built Environment</b>   | ND  | <p>First note is that we are waiting for Charnwood Borough Council to release their revised draft Local Plan which will likely have a revised 5 year land supply requirement and will indicate the housing target for the Parish. The current data says there is no requirement for WH or WHE because we've already met the 5 year land supply however Gary pointed out that we know that the land supply requirement will fluctuate so we need to base our decisions not just on the here and now but on anticipated needs in the future.</p> <p>Second note is that we are awaiting a Housing Needs survey to be conducted by the Midlands Rural Trust (Parish Council is organising). Aiming to piggy-back onto the survey and ask some questions with specific relevance to the NP. Need to make it clear to respondents that our questions are supplementary and that we won't have access to the personal data that is captured elsewhere in the survey.</p> <p>Aside from these two notes, group is proceeding on the basis of known information at the moment.</p> <p>As a group we're not opposed to development as long as it is carried out sensitively, in the appropriate place and to meet a recognised or anticipated need. Have been reviewing existing data to assess current need and found that data can be interpreted in a number of different ways. That said, need is almost certainly for 2-3 bedroom houses rather than 4-5 bedroom houses. It is more difficult to assess needs of residents not already living in WH or WHE. Housing survey will only cover existing residents.</p> <p>The group will be assessing SHLA sites (Strategic Housing Land Assessment) that were previously identified by CBC as having the potential for development. We will also be inviting local land-owners to consider offering up their sites for development. Any responses to this invitation will be assessed using the same framework used for assessing the SHLA sites.</p> <p>Once any preference for a site is established (with consensus across all three theme groups), will need to decide if we undertake a formal site analysis. GK recommends that if we have a site analysis done, it will give more weight to the plan.</p> |
| <b>Theme Group 2:<br/>Historic and<br/>Natural<br/>Environment</b>  | IR  | <p>Has begun a survey of the whole Parish. Aim is to give scores to each bounded piece of land, for its proximity to settlement, its beauty, wildlife, heritage value etc... so that each portion of (accessible land) is evaluated qualitatively and quantitatively. The highest scoring sites will be the most important to the local community or environmentally significant and the most important to preserve.</p> <p>Group has had training with Cee and John. Did some examples of inventory surveys. Split into 3 groups. Each group will undertake its own scoring, with John and Cee providing moderation to ensure consistency.</p> <p>It's a big undertaking - will be aiming to get the work done by the end of August.</p>   |
| <b>Theme Group 3:<br/>Sustainability<br/>(Employment,<br/>Community<br/>Facilities and<br/>Transport)</b> | RM  | <p>Has begun a draft narrative and commentary for each issue that the group will cover. Has decided to align the structure of the recommendations more closely to the Charnwood Local Plan. Ann Irving will compile this content into a single draft document and the group will seek further guidance from consultants regarding actual policy wording.</p> <p>Will be considering site specific policies for areas of special interest: Welbeck, Beaumanor Hall, Maplewell School, St Pauls School, the Allotments</p> <p>Highest priority issue is probably Welbeck. Richard Mollart to work further on this component.</p> <p>By early July, will have first draft document assembled.</p>  |
| <b>Date and time of<br/>next meeting</b>  | AG  | <b>Tuesday 2nd July, 7pm - Village Hall</b>   |