

Witherley Parish Council

Atterton, Fenny Drayton, Ratcliffe Culey and Witherley

Minutes of the WPNDP Committee, Thursday 28th May 2020, 2.00 p.m.

Online via Zoom.

PRESENT: Councillors: G Robinson (chairman), M Simpson, D Flude, B Conway, M Cook. Kay Conway (Steering Group Chairman) **Other Attendees:** 1 member of the public

The meeting started at 2.03p.m.

There were no apologies and no declarations of interest.

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting were amended to add Kay Conway as an attendee, and agreed and signed as correct.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: No participation requested.

DECISIONS AT LAST MEETING:

The following decisions taken at the meeting on 6th May were ratified:

- The election of Cllr Robinson as committee chairman
- The co-option of the NDP Steering Group chairman Kay Conway
- Acceptance of the assessment report and quotation from YourLocale to carry out the proposed amendments to the Environment chapter

REVISED DRAFT PLAN:

A revised draft Plan incorporating the sanctioned amendments to the Environment chapter had been received from YourLocale and circulated to members. Members had individually reviewed the document and tabled their observations for discussion. It was agreed that, because of the significant number of amendments being proposed by members, the agenda items would be carried forward to the next meeting so that the Committee could use this meeting to go through the revised draft Plan page by page.

The Chairman raised the issue of a late document submitted by Cllr Flude that addressed items other than amendments and which appeared to have been written by a third party. When asked directly if this was the case, Cllr Flude was unable to provide a definitive response. It was agreed not to consider this document at this meeting.

There followed a discussion lasting nearly three hours where each suggested amendment was discussed, and agreement reached on its acceptance or rejection.

Approximately one hour into the meeting Cllr Simpson left the meeting when his mobile phone died.

Cllr Conway raised the issue of Community Actions which had been brought together by YourLocale at the end of the draft Plan for separate consideration. It had been pointed out that, if included in the Plan, it would place a responsibility on the Parish Council to carry them out. It was agreed that the draft Community Actions and aspirations should be considered by the full Council.

It was agreed that the alternative views that Cllr Conway had circulated would be considered outside the meeting.

Cllr Conway proposed that all the documents on Dropbox, including minutes, appendices and supporting information required for Regulation 14 and subsequently for examination, be moved into one place for ease of reference. They were currently scattered in various folders on Dropbox. YourLocale's advice would first be sought on the documents required. This was seconded by Cllr Cook and agreed.

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<p>Cllr Flude raised an issue that she considered had a significant impact on the scoring of the Local Green & Open Spaces. It was agreed that her concerns would be circulated to members for consideration after the meeting and also passed to Your Locale for their expert comment.</p>	
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<p>The meeting ended at 5.05pm.</p>	
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