

WITHERLEY PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Minutes

Minutes of a Meeting of The Steering Group held at 7.00 pm on Thursday, 2nd November 2017 at Witherley Church.

Present

Kay Conway in The Chair (Witherley)
Brian Conway (Parish Council)
Maureen Cooke (Fenny Drayton)
Laura Dyer (Ratcliffe Culey)
Dayle Flude (Atterton)
John Preston (RCC Rural Communities Council)
Derek Ridgway, Treasurer (Fenny Drayton)
Charlotte Ward Lewis, Secretary (Witherley)
David Wilkins (Ratcliffe Culey)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Helen Bullivant (Ratcliffe Culey) and Mark Simpson (Parish Council)

2. Declarations of Interest

To ensure members of the Steering Committee had completed a Declaration of Interest Form, it was agreed that Dayle Flude would circulate the form by email to Members to complete and return.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of a Meeting of The Steering Committee held on October 3rd were agreed to be a true record.

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Financial Report

The Treasurer reported expenditure totalling £213 to-date.

6. Witherley School Logo Posters Competition

A number of pupils from Witherley School had entered a competition to design a logo for the Witherley Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan. During the Meeting Kay Conway presented the delightful artworks and the Committee set about selecting the most suitable design for a logo. Three potential artworks were selected and before making a final decision the Group decided to seek advice from a professional graphic designer. Dayle Flude agreed to undertake this duty and report back to the Chair.

Dayle Flude offered to mount and frame the winning logo after scanning and will give some thought to displaying entries at the forthcoming Neighbourhood Drop In Events

7. Drop In Events

John Preston advised manpower and access to venues would be required one hour before each event to set up. Twelve trestle tables would be required at each venue for display boards.

John Preston will provide the printed materials for display, including maps and plans, for the Meeting. Flip charts and post its. The Committee would also display the logo designs.

Members were reminded photographs are required for John Preston's posters, for example, photographs of valued open spaces and which portray the heritage of the area. High resolution photographs should be uploaded by members to the Drop Box as soon as possible to allow John Preston time to prepare his presentation.

Kay Conway to write to members to determine availability to help host the Drop In Events. A rota could then be agreed

Examples of hot issues and frequently asked questions to be made available before the meeting. John Preston advised that rather than discussing issues in detail at the Drop In Events Members should encourage attendees to write these down.

A requirement for name badges for Steering Group Members was identified. This would be the responsibility of the Steering Group.

John Preston would be responsible for collecting comments and issues submitted at the Drop In Events as well as those returned by email and on leaflets. distributed All data returned would remain the property of the Steering Group.

The report on the data is expected by late December 2017.

Stake Holder events would take place early in the New Year. Stakeholders still needed to be identified and would certainly include landowners, or their representatives, as well as businesses and organisations in the Parish.

Following the Stakeholder Events John advised that data should be reviewed alongside reports from the Planning Team of Hinckley and Bosworth Council, for example, The

House Hold Survey. Thereafter, common areas of concern could be identified for further investigation by the Steering Group.

Brian Conway had uploaded some planning documents to the Drop Box for the information of Members.

8. Leicestershire Planning - Laura Dyer

Laura Dyer has been investigating planning and development in the wider area to assess potential impacts upon the parish.

(i) Appendix A Report on Leicestershire Strategic Growth Plan

The Leicestershire Strategic Growth Plan sets out aspirations for delivering growth (housing, economic and infrastructure) for the county up to year 2050. The final plan to be released for consultation this Winter.

Evidence for the plan is divided into three elements: The Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA) is already in the public domain. Assessments of Transportation and Sustainability are awaited.

Laura reported that using different modelling the County of Leicestershire, as a whole, outperforms regional and national averages, with Hinckley and Bosworth being the highest performer within the county. The increase in growth appears to be driven by the nearby MIRA Technology Park development.

The headlines so far for the Parish are that Hinckley and Bosworth Council require to plan for an increase in dwellings of 11,804 and an increase in land made available for employment of between 50-71 hectares.

(ii) Appendix 2 Impact of development in neighbouring areas

Laura's second report investigated the impact of development in North Warwickshire and neighbouring boroughs upon the Parish.

In addition to meeting its own requirements there is a duty to cooperate with neighbouring boroughs imposed upon Councils. For example, North Warwickshire Borough Council is committed to delivering over 500 dwellings to accommodate an overspill from Tamworth, with more anticipated. Between 2011 and 2033 their target for additional housing is 9,598 and 100 hectares of land for employment.

Discussion took place about the capacity of the A5 and aspirations to upgrade it to an expressway. The second leg of HS2 and development land on the west side of the Parish could create a substantial increase in traffic through the Parish and demands on school places.

9. Any other business

Fliers about the Drop In Events had been produced and were being distributed throughout the Parish. A Facebook Page had been produced.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

7.00 pm Tuesday, 9th January – venue to be confirmed

Important Dates for the Diary

Hosting of the community consultation events:

Drop In Events

3 pm-7pm Friday, 17th November, Witherley Football Club

3 pm-7pm Thursday, 23rd November, All Saints Church, Ratcliffe Culey

10am – 1 pm Saturday, 25th November, St Michael and All Angels Church, Fenny
Drayton