



Witherley Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group Meeting

Monday 2nd July 2018 at Witherley Church, 7.30pm

Minutes

1. Apologies of absence

Dave Wilkins, Laura Dyer and Mark Simpson

2. Declaration of interests

None received.

3. Minutes from the last meeting and matters arising

Charlotte and Helen didn't attend the meeting at TMBS due to the lack of students being available to talk to.

4. Financial Report and Grant Application

£295.15 spending with £30 owing for room hire.

5. Consultant Appointment

Interviewed three different consultants with differing offers. Gary Kirk and John Martin from 'YourLocale' are the preferred consultant based on how they are able to guide us through the process as a small steering group. Extremely qualified pair who we feel will be able to provide what we need to take us forward. They have currently completed approximately 50 NDPs which have been mainly based in Leicestershire. They would also help us with grant application and other funding plus a possibility of Lottery funding may be available which would cover all fees. It was agreed that we should appoint YourLocale as our consultant.

Action: Kay to contact Gary Kirk and see whether he can make the next meeting.

6. Wildlife Survey Update

A decision needs making as to whether we still appoint David Nicholls to do the survey. This will hopefully be ratified by the attendance of Gary Kirk at the next meeting and the information that he will give us around an environmental survey.

7. Historic Environment Update

Battlefields have the highest amount of protection from the Secretary of State. We have a section of the Bosworth Battlefield adjoining the Parish. Some sections have never been surveyed that could potentially be protected should there be evidence that the battle was fought there. The setting of an ancient

monument could also be protected. The site of the battle could also have a level of protection. The Fenn Lane is a Roman road although has no current protection, this would be worth investigating. The burial mound on the Fenn Lanes is now thought to have been a windmill where apparently the Duke of Norfolk was killed. Witherley, Atterton and Fenny Drayton were given compensation for crops according to the history of the battle. It's unsure whether any of the battle was fought in our Parish. It was agreed to keep this item as an agenda item for the next meeting and seek the views of our consultant. This could particularly impact on the development of MIRA. It was recommended by Helen that we look at Hungerton NDP as they have a similar area in their Parish. The historical Roman element of our Parish also needs investigating further. We would need to liaise with Mancetter NDP as the majority of this is in their Parish.

8. Stakeholder Involvement

A stakeholder/landowner has come forward to offer potential land for building within the Parish. This landowner would like to come and discuss this possibility in the future. This will be addressed in a future meeting once the advice from our consultant has taken place.

9. Mission Statement

Needs to be aspirational and based very much around the management of any future development in our community. We need to protect the special aspects of the Parish, but we have to be realistic in that we need to think about developments in the future and safeguard these special aspects through this.

To protect the character, history of our villages and hamlets.

All to take time to think what our mission/focus/vision might be. This will be part of our published plan. Bring to the next meeting.

10. Any Other Business

None.

Next meeting:

Monday 6th August - 7.30pm at Witherley Church.

Monday 3rd September - 7.30pm at Witherley Church.