

Burghwallis Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Working Group



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Minutes: Meeting held 25 February 2014

Minutes of last meeting accepted.

Actions from last meeting:-

Workshop Summary

The total of the percentages of the various actions is greater than 100 per cent. This is due to a rounding factor and accepted as of little consequence.

A meeting has been arranged with Jayne Stimpson of the DMBC on 14th March at 14:00. Venue Home Farm Old Village Street. The agenda is to be compiled based on the workshop actions and used to gain a greater insight into the core plan of the DMBC and its interface with the Neighbourhood Plan (NP).

The workshop actions were spread amongst the working group to spread the load:

Wind turbines: Megan to research the DMBC policy on wind turbines and forward references to the working group. Megan

Development of the Poor's Field. Research required establishing the full ownership of the land and any covenants. It is believed the land was originally owned by the church and given to the parish council. It is intended the field is safeguarded as a rural aspect of the village. This action is especially relevant in light of aggressive purchase activity of developers who have been active in acquiring Village greens for developments in other parts of the country. The present generates £400 per annum; used to fund a Christmas lunch for pensioners in the village. This present is to increase to £450 per annum in 2015. Jill

Village lacks any heart: This activity has been parked

Footpaths: Review of footpaths policy required with Jayne Stimpson. Alistair to seek advice from Ramblers Association on the extent and location of all footpaths in the parish, both in use and abandoned. A summary of repairs and renewals to be constructed to see if these can be included in the Parish or DMBC activities under repairs and renewals. Megan advised that the new Section 106 levy and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) applied to new builds could be used to support this activity. (map required) Alistair

Victorian lampposts: To be installed throughout the village could also be a candidate for funding from CIL levies. Megan to seek advice from Mike Dando if these actions to be included in NP or handed to Parish Council. Megan / Mike Dando

Village Hall: This action has been parked as the funds do not exist to acquire, build or maintain a dedicated facility. The recent news of the closure of the Burghwallis pub has created a gap in its use as a meeting facility. The Parish Council are currently reviewing alternative facilities. **Kath**

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4G and Broadband: Improved facilities to serve Burghwallis require the erection of masts and satellite dishes to receive fibre optic quality transmission rates. The NP could specify that any new development could install a satellite dish or mast in keeping with the development and in accordance to the Upper Eden specification, which may also allow other users to piggy -back onto the service. This would prevent the more random approach to an installation if added to existing facilities. The parish council returned a survey questionnaire 18 months ago on the reaction of the village to the installation of masts and satellite dishes to receive 4G and broadband. The submission was made by the then Chairman of the Parish Council, but no details can be found in the records covering this action. **Kath and Adrian**

Surface Water: Abbe's Walk drainage system indicates a collapsed culvert passing under the road. This requires rectification especially as planned development in the area will add to the volume of water entering the brook. Policy required as to how this should be effected as part of the NP; - repairs and renewals by the council or actions on Danum Drainage. Reference should be made to the Thame NP specification, which dealt with a similar issue. **Adrian**

Protect Scorcher Hills Paddock: Review required to see if this can be allocated under Local Green Space (LGS) as the land falls within the village envelop. Policy required to review and protects the use of the land and state what sort of development, if any, the NP would support. This would prevent random development and influence the fit and form of any development. This policy would also apply to the rest of the village laying with the envelope. Need to check with the DMBC on their policy, as a definitive reason to introduce constraints would be required. This item to be included on the agenda for the meeting with Jayne Stimpson. **Kath /Adrian**

Tim Bryant (trees and hedgerows officer) to forward details of all hedgerows including those have been demolished over the years. This will form the basis of a rebuilding programme but needs to be considered in line with the DMBC Core Strategy. The NP team needs to review the Core Strategy and requires a further copy of the document from the DMBC. **Kath**

Protect the Village Character: The "specification" of the village needs defining. This can be largely based on the report by the conservation officer after a "Walkabout" completed in 2013. A summary of what is good, bad and indifferent in building layouts situation and design should be compiled in line with the core strategy. Megan to advise where relevant passages of the Strategy can be found on line in PDF download format. **Megan**

Conservation area: A copy of the map describing the conservation area to be included in the Burghwallis website. Currently the facility on the council website does not "open". This to be reported to the IT department at the council through the planning department. **Kath / Alistair**

Heritage Map of the village: Website to be updated showing the location of listed buildings, structures and historical interest. This will include extracts from an Archaeological survey. **Alistair**

Areas of scientific Interest: Compile a list if any areas of scientific interest from details provided by Tim Bryant. **Kath**

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New feature added to website under village heritage which lists all listed buildings **Complete**

Financial report:

Total expenditure to date £135.59

Balance remaining from grant £1259.41

Next financial report to be submitted to grant authority by the end of March. **Kath**

Policy meeting scheduled for 10th March to be retimed as the team feel they need a little more time to complete the research before the meeting. The meeting on 10th March to be used for a further workshop.

Possible dates for policy meeting to be sought from Mike Dando. **Mike Dando**

Date of next working group meeting: 10th March 2014 at 19:00 at Alexander House, Askern.
(Unless the Burghwallis reopens)