

Minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Working Group 26 June 2104

Venue: Burghwallis Pub – 19:00

Present: Parish Council: Kath Walters, Brenda Grimes,
Jill Laming

Working Group: Adrian Sowden (Chair)
Planning Aid: Mike Dando, Megan Wilmott

Apologies: Alistair Owens (Sec)

Minutes from the meeting on 29th May accepted with the amendment of a correction in the Community Development Foundation additional grant – this should be £155 not £250 as stated.

Actions arising:

Policies: Megan submitted the amendments to the original draft policies – noted in green text and focused on the policy aspects.

The following comments/suggestion on the Policy suite from Mike:-

1. Condense the NP into a summary for the consultation meeting focusing on the policy intentions.
2. Outline gist of policies – Mike to email details of the Nettleton documents as examples in relation to our consultation meeting on the 12 August 2014.
3. Re-arrange order of policies
 - a) Green belt – Conservation
 - b) Public Services – Green environment
 - c) Community assets
 - d) Development – (drainage, broadband belong in aspirational section of document rather than a prescriptive policy. SEA – Slatham given as example.
4. Justification to be at the beginning of the policies rather than the end.
5. Suggests looking at the Core Strategy with a view to reducing the text and focusing on the policy.
6. Include evidence on biodiversity under Green Environment.

Comments from Mike per Policy:-

Sustainable Drainage:

Refer back to Thame and Exeter policies and also CS4. Contains no consultation evidence or evidence of past, current and future issues e.g. photographs (Jill has photographic evidence of flooding on Abbe's Walk). Objectives: Present policy covers objectives.

Building Design and Materials:

Derelict building should come under aspirations. Last 2 bullet points belong in different policies.

Environment:

Ensure that we concentrate on green environment and include biodiversity document. Take out sustainable drainage from this policy. 5 bullet points – green corridor – provide map of Stoney Croft Lane (Bridle path). Simplify policy to protect, enhance and preserve. Poor's Field, Playing Field – designate as local green open spaces (e.g. para. 77 National Policy Framework. Fragile nature of local roads section belongs in Development Policy – building design etc.

Broadband:

Use Upper Eden benchmark as the model on Broadband.

Protection of Services and Community Assets:

Include key public areas e.g. green open spaces and provide ordnance survey maps showing, The Poor's Field, The Playing Field, Green field behind the Burghwallis pub and include the car park in relation to the register of assets of community value. Bus Services is not planning but aspirational development, suggest we support plans which sustain or improve existing transport.

Conservation:

Take out structures which are already listed and protected and include in Heritage. Keep The Poor's Field, The Playing Field, The War Memorial, The Village Pump and add The Brook and the Plague Well on Abbe's Walk.

It was agreed that Adrian and Kath revise the Policies in accordance with the suggestions outlined above and forward to Mike for checking prior to the next meeting on the 10 July 2014. Following the revisions these would then be forwarded to Jane for her screening and opinion. *Adrian/Kath*

Print cost: Jill supplied a quotation of £1,197.00 from Monks Printers for 100 copies of the Plan.

Items carried forward to next meeting:-

The budget for the public meeting to be identified based on the sums available in the budget after the report has been printed.

Kath

The format of the public meeting to be designed

Adrian

Financial report: Expenditure to date: £170.59
 Balance remaining: £1224.41
 Additional grant: £155.00

The end of grant report to the Community Development Foundation reaches its completion date on 30 June 2014. A report of “where we are now” and a request for an extension to the completion date with extra funding will be submitted by the 30 June 2014.

Kath

A.O.B.

Mike commented that the Direct Support package from Planning Aid ran out at the end of May but has now been extended to December 2014.

Members of the Public: No members of the public attended

Next Meeting: 10 July 2014 @ 19:00.