

## **Minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Public Meeting**

**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> August 2014

**Venue:** Burghwallis pub

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

**Working Group:** Adrian Sowden (chair) Alistair Owens (sec)

**Planning Aid:** Megan Wilmott

There were 29 members of the public in attendance

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(Neighbourhood Plan shown as NP)

Kath Walters opened with thanks to those who completed the questionnaire, then introduced the NP working group.

Adrian: Used a comprehensive slide show to recap on the introduction of the NP project in November 2013 and the developments made to date. The NP roadmap showed the 12 stages of the programme and how this linked with the DMBC core strategy plan to form a Burghwallis plan, taking it through the due diligence process.

The NP covers the whole of the parish from the A19 in the East to the A1 in the West. Adrian highlighted that the plan would be subject to a referendum of local residents before it is finally accepted and referred to the DMBC for approval.

Adrian recapped on the original questionnaire asking for views and comments that have formed the backbone on which the NP has been developed. This revealed 102 key elements from the 32 residents who completed the questionnaire. The working group have held 14 meetings over the past year; unfortunately there have been precious few members of the public in attendance.

The working group have received vital support from the DMBC and Planning Aid, especially Megan Wilmott who has devoted many hours of her free time to help the working Group. *Planning Aid England (PAE) helps communities through the key stages of the*

*Neighbourhood Planning process under the Supporting Communities in Neighbourhood Planning 2013-15 initiative. PAE works directly with neighbourhood planning groups to provide support, advice and professional input to the plans being prepared by those communities.*

## **Policy Intentions:**

Adrian focused on the leaflet distributed to each resident that promoted the meeting and included a questionnaire. Adrian stressed that the questionnaire must be returned by 15<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

The plan has to abide with national policy and the DMBC core strategy. The NP has the opportunity to place local emphasis on the Burghwallis assets, heritage and conservation. Adrian urged local residents to view [www.burghwallis.org](http://www.burghwallis.org) and the DMBC websites.

Adrian stressed that the NP is a reflection of the residents viewpoint and not the intervention of the NP working group. Three key areas were revealed by residents and incorporated into the policies that will form the NP.

1. Conservation of our green environment and habitats
2. Preservation of heritage assets
3. Preservation of public amenities and assets\*

\*As an example Adrian reflected on the role of the Burghwallis pub in village life.

Adrian introduced the proposed policies as work in progress, which could form the NP. He also introduced a number of additional aspirational policies covering road safety and broadband services.

## **What Happens Next:**

Adrian advised the draft NP will be submitted to the DMBC for review to ensure it complies with the standard and content required. The plan will then be submitted to the local referendum where a majority vote will accept or reject the plan in its entirety.

#### Timeline:

Adrian revealed the actions that lie ahead. All key factors will require evidence to support the initiative. Once completed the NP will be submitted to local residents for review during a six-week consultation period.

#### **Funding:**

The costs of the NP programme is supported by a central government grant. Our NP is funded to the end of 2014, which coincides with the completion of our submission.

Once completed the NP is submitted for independent adjudication. If there are any adjustment required this will handled by the DMBC.

#### **Questions form the Public:**

1. Can the DMBC overrule the NP once it is accepted?  
*Megan Wilmott explained that the NP will form a key element of the DMBC planning policy.*  
*Adrian explained that the Burghwallis NP policy will be 'set in stone' for the net 25 years.*
2. Who owns the land at the back of the pub?  
*Adrian advised that the land is owned by the pub landlords but stressed that if the NP is adopted the 'conservation assets' policy will prevent any change of use for this plot of land*
3. Can we change the emphasis of policies that have been established so far, in particular the proposed change of ownership for St Anne's?

*Although concern has been raised that St Anne's future could be violated as part of a change of ownership any development would be subject to a change of use application to the planning department. The building itself holds considerable protection under its Grade II\* listing.*

4. Councillor Alan Jones (Askern ward) explained the boundaries commission has proposed a realignment of local representation. Whereas Burghwallis is a ward linked to Askern, it is proposed Burghwallis in future is linked to Skellow, Sutton and Owston.

5. Drainage is a concern for both foul and surface drainage and that in certain circumstances the policy could not be enforced.

*Megan explained that Yorkshire Water would be the arbitrators of water and sewage drainage facilities. Megan explained that the NP reflects future developments rather than the past.*

6. Will there be any influence on housing development in size, shape, density and form?

*Megan explained that the DMBC core strategy already covers these elements. The NP will serve to reinforce the local issues.*

### **Local Parish Issues:**

Kath Walters used the opportunity to promote local events and asked for suggestions and volunteers to support the following:

Litter picking. *Next event 30<sup>th</sup> August at 10:00 am to clear Abbe's Walk. (takes two hours)*

Planting the meadow and fixing bird boxes in the playing field

Use of Poor's Field revenue.

Bulb planting

Tree planting to repair the hedgerow along Scorcher Hills Road

The events committee needs more volunteers. The last summer fete raised £1600 for the Yorkshire air ambulance. There is a

substantial risk, without more volunteers, the fete for 2015 will not take place.