

Deerhurst Parish Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

Notes of meeting: Wednesday 10 April 2019

at: 7pm, Apperley Village Hall

Present:

Steering Group: S Baldwin; C Baldwin; A Beddoes; L Bromberg; R Bromberg; M Couzens; C Mundy; H McClain; J Pollard; Sue Andrew.

Parishioners: S Oldham; C Smith; J Jenkins; J Mitchell; C Pearson; D Pearson; P Lee; C Lee; H Hill; A Hill; H Hughes; C Hughes; J Scorer; B Scorer; M Curran.

- 1. Apologies:** S. Ridal
- 2. Declaration of interests:** None
- 3. Minutes of last meeting:** Agreed. Future agendas, meeting notes and a calendar of meetings can be found in 'Documents' on www.ourparishplan.co.uk
Monthly meetings will be held at 7pm on the second Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall, Apperley.
- 4. Steering committee membership:**
LB announced that SA had agreed to take on the role of Secretary, from SB.
The Steering Group currently comprises 11 parishioners.
- 5. Project Planning overview / progress:**
CB circulated an updated Project Plan overview, which will be available on www.ourparishplan.co.uk.
- 6. Parish Council update:**
Report back from meeting and matters arising: LB clarified that the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) is not anti-development and should not be confused with the 'Stop This' campaign. TBC advised that consideration needed to be given on interaction between the two groups. The NDP should be a pro-growth document, whilst needing to be proportionate and in keeping with the local character.
Parish Council elections: Laura Bromberg and John Rutter have been elected as Deerhurst Parish Councillors.
- 7. Meeting with Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC) Planning**
HMCC reported on a recent meeting with Jane Wormald – she is impressed at the progress of our work to date and encouraged us to aspire to complete the NDP in 2 years. It was noted that the NDP is how we all see the Parish, now and in the future, for generations to come. Once the NDP is complete, TBC are required to organise a

referendum, provided the plan meets the basic conditions and complies with the required legislation. This ensures that the community has the final say on whether the Plan comes into force. People living in the Neighbourhood Area registered to vote in local elections are entitled to vote in the referendum. If more than 50% of people vote in support of the Plan, then the LPA must bring it into force.

Evidence collection:

LB reported that on 29.03.19 she & MC have Skype meeting with Paul Avery from AECOM (the Agency commissioned by the Govt. to undertake Housing Needs Assessments (HNA)). A Project Group are to meet to draft responses to questions that Paul has sent, to give an initial steer to his work.

Action: Project Group to meet Sun 14.04 @ 7pm, Red House Farm.

8. Finance/grants:

The Group has been successful in acquiring its first Technical Grant. This covers the total cost of the HNA. The main grant of up to £9K will be bid for in full. AB has produced a comprehensive Financial Plan linked to the NDP Project Plan – the window for grant submission is due to open in April. AB will submit the bid at the earliest opportunity. In the meantime, if interim funding is required to cover upfront costs e.g. printing of flyers/posters, LB will request an advance from the Parish Council; to be repaid from the grant.

Action: AB to submit grant bid as soon as window opens.

LB to request funding from the PC, if required.

9. Marketing & Communications

Email addresses: LB reported that the Steering Group emails are now active, ending @ourparishplan.co.uk. There is a generic email address for general comments or questions: contact@ourparishplan.co.uk

Awareness raising flyer: SA circulated print outs of flyer/poster and will get print costing.

Communications Plan: A draft Comms. Plan has been started. A Project Group is to meet to complete this before the next monthly meeting.

Website: www.ourparishplan.co.uk is now live. Many thanks to Ben Davies for all his work – a considerable number of people have passed on their complements on the website's look, ease of use and use of photography.

Photography: RB is co-ordinating photographs (archive & new) of the Parish for use on the website and in the NDP document. RB will be setting up a Photography Group. It was noted that some specific photographs will be required.

Social media: LB has set-up the Facebook page, this is now live: **Deerhurst Parish Neighbourhood Plan**. It was noted that most people found out about this meeting through the new F/book page and via word-of-mouth.

Twitter & other social media platforms: it was agreed that we need a volunteer to set these up. We also need to find out what social media platforms are favoured by young Parishioners (it's not Facebook). It was noted how important it is for all generations to contribute to the NDP.

Actions:

SA to liaise with Richard Baldwin on the completion and printing of the flyer/posters.
LB; HMc; SB & SA to meet @ 5.30pm, Wed. 24.04.19 at The Folly, to start writing the
Communications Plan.

Members of extended group to talk to teenagers to find out which social media
platforms they use.

10. Date of next Neighbourhood Plan meeting:

7pm Wed. 8 May, Village Hall, Apperley. All are welcome!

Meeting closed: 7.55pm