



**Deerhurst Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group
(closed Steering Group meeting)**

Meeting on: Thursday 23 April 2020

At: 7.30pm via video conferencing

Minutes

Present:

Steering Group (SG):

L Bromberg; R Bromberg; M Couzens; S Andrew; J Pollard; C Mundy; Alison Beddoes;
Sue Baldwin; Clive Baldwin

1. Welcome and Introduction:

LB welcomed everyone to this month's online meeting held via video conferencing, due to Covid-19 lockdown.

2. Apologies:

None.

3. Declaration of interests:

None.

4. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising:

The March minutes were signed-off as an accurate record.

All actions had been undertaken. Matters arising are taken up in this meeting's agenda.

5. Finance / Grant:

Ali reported the following:

- Received a grant in 2019 of £8,156; amount spent £1,844; returned £2,234.
- Fee for Ridge consultants (Pro-Forma Invoice) £3,877 + VAT.
- £2,234 has been returned and its receipt acknowledged.

Laura led a huge thank you on behalf of the SG to Ali, and also Fiona Wallbank, Clerk to DPC, for their excellent work and management of the NDP finance and grant funding; Laura also reported that DPC has been very impressed by the SG's management of funding.

The Steering Group decided unanimously to simply apply for the money which had been returned, as this has already been previously approved (£2,234)

Action:

- *Ali to apply for grant as agreed.*

6. Draft NDP discussion:

The way forward to proceed in the current situation where any SG meetings must be 'virtual' and it is impossible to involve the wider group at this stage, though the minutes of meetings will be shared.

It was agreed that the SG will look at the draft plan chapter by chapter as it is written.

David Lowin & Grant Baylis had a virtual meeting with Tewkesbury Borough Council at which they discussed a range of options. These will be followed up in a meeting with Ridge on 30.04.20.

- **Update on draft Plan:**

- **Housing Number:**

The Aecom HNA calculated that if a Housing Needs Formula (HNF) were applied equally across the Borough, Deerhurst Parish would be targeted for 155 houses between 2011 and 2041. However, the report goes on to say that as Apperley was not identified as a Service Village, the JCS and TBP have no housing identified for this Parish, so any additional housing here would be considered 'windfall'. Jim has an in-depth knowledge of this area and is calculating the number of houses which would be appropriate (likely to be around 30).

If the number of houses is 30, it was noted that since 2011 the Parish has already achieved 50% of this number.

- **Allocation of Sites:**

Following a discussion, the group decided it does not want to allocate sites – and this was never the intention of this plan. The group is not anti- growth, but pro *appropriate* growth, and want to ensure that the rural nature of the Parish is not lost in any future growth plan.

- **Loosening of Settlement Boundary (Apperley):**

Jim reported that as of 2011 the boundary doesn't exist so this would need to be redrawn. This discussion will be followed up in the meeting with Ridge on 30.04.20

Actions:

- Jim to write a brief paper on calculating an appropriate number of new homes for the Parish based on his previous work on Service Villages (adjusted).
- Sue & Clive B to draft a short paragraph on the context of the Parish, its rural location; the need to retain its rural landscape, nature and character; 100% of Parish is in a Landscape Protection Zone (LPZ). Internal & External expectations – local analysis.

7. Date of next meetings (virtual in all cases) w. The Ridge (DL + 1) To Be confirmed.

Meeting closed: 8.50pm

Minutes: SA/LB