

# KING'S CLIFFE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN STEERING GROUP

Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
Underground

**Present:** Chris Leuchars (CL)  
Felicity Thistlethwaite (FT)  
Katy Weeks (KW)  
Roy James (RJ)  
David Graham (DG)  
Charles Tomalin (CT)  
Mark Ayres (MA)  
Jenny Dixon (JD)

**Apologies:** Jeanne Atkinson (JA), Rob Meadows (RM), Clive Ibotson (CI), Louise Bowen-West (LB),

## 1. Minutes of Meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> December

These were approved

## 2. Matters Arising (Action Points from minutes)

None

## 3. Website Update

- \*Actions:**
- Keep 'Roofline Competition', but not on home page, with answers on another page (MA)
  - Keep 'Favourite View' with link to comments box so villagers can send in their favourite (MA)
  - Results of Launch post-its to be put on site, with opportunity for villagers to comment further via comments box (CL/MA)
  - Link to a Neighbourhood Plan section on Facebook, and the Forum, to gain maximum publicity (any posts to be saved for future reference) (KW/MA)
  - Enquiry box, to invite comments as well (MA)

## 4. Launch Event

We are just awaiting the last few summaries of the post-its.

- \*Action:** Organise collection of remaining summaries (CL)

## 5. Vision

We discussed the exact wording, and content of the draft vision, without yet coming to a clear conclusion. We decided that we would put a 'working version' on the website for villagers to comment on.

As it stands, it reads:

*"King's Cliffe in 2035 will retain its distinctive character as a beautiful, rural, tranquil village. Any changes will have been designed to enhance this character and add to the quality of life of its inhabitants. It will have gone some way towards becoming more self-sustaining in terms of energy and services, and will be in a position to enable its residents to remain in the village for the whole of their lives."*

**\*Action:** put on website in prominent position, and invite villagers to comment (MA)

## 6. Questionnaire draft pages

We reminded ourselves that the NP could deal only with development and land-use issues, and thus the questions could only be concerned with these. The questions would be our evidence base for formulating the policies. The policies should enable the village to achieve the development it wanted, and to see off unwanted development. Therefore the precise wording of the questions is very important. Because of this detailed level of consideration we only managed to examine two objectives in this meeting – Environment, and Sustainable Housing.

**a) Environment:** we agreed that:

- Proposal 1 – accepted without change
- Proposal 2 – remove final sentence
- Proposal 3 – remove ‘extending...Maltings Green’, but keep the circular path as an aspiration. Remove final sentence.
- Proposal 4 – Replace with ‘Ensure all natural watercourses are protected, for example...’
- Proposal 5 + 6 – remove and replace with:  
‘Proposal 5 – All applications for development on sites or land in the rural area of the parish should demonstrate within their Design and Access Statements how the need to minimise any negative visual or landscape impact will be addressed in the scheme design’

We also suggested that names of locations previously mentioned in the proposals could/should appear in the supporting text.

**\*Action:** redraft page according to these revisions (CT/RM)

## b) Sustainable Housing

RJ produced paper with suggestions for environmental guidelines for new houses in the parish. Some thought these might be too restrictive to be economically viable, but it was agreed to find out opinions of villagers by putting them in the questionnaire, after checking with ENC and MA’s sister.

**\*Actions:** email completed paper to CL for distribution to Steering Group (RJ)  
Find out opinions of ENC and NP expert (CL/MA)

## 7. AOB

We agreed that to fit in with our time scale we would need a further meeting to discuss the questionnaire.

**\*Action:** Date of extra meeting to be sent to Steering Group members (CL)

Date of next *scheduled* meeting: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016, 7.30pm.  
The agenda will consist of discussing the draft pages of the questionnaire.