

KING'S CLIFFE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN STEERING GROUP

Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday 19th October 2016
Underground

Present: Chris Leuchars (CL)
David Graham (DG),
Clive Ibotson (CI)
George Smid (GS)
Katy Weeks (KW),
Charles Tomalin (CT),
Mark Ayres (MA)
Robert Meadows (RM)

Apologies: Jeanne Atkinson (JA), ,
Felicity Thistlethwaite (FT)

1. Minutes of Meeting of 21st September

These were approved

2. Matters Arising (Action Points from minutes)

None

3. Website Update

A few contributions to 'Favourite Views' have been received, otherwise traffic is low. There was a suggestion that the minutes could be put on Facebook, and that a link could be placed to our site from the ENC Neighbourhood Plan page.

- * **Actions:** MA to put Minutes on Facebook (MA)
CL to ask ENC to put link on its NP page (CL)

4. Call for Sites

CL reported that the PC had discussed the Call for Sites proposals, and that discussions had become concerned with individual sites rather than with underlying principles such as should we maintain the settlement boundary. The PC had agreed to defer discussion until Mike Burton from ENC had come to answer specific questions about the process.

Under this heading, the Steering Group then discussed the settlement boundary, and agreed that it should be maintained as per the 2011 RNOT Plan, with the possible exception of redrawing the boundary around the old Middle School site to acknowledge the fact that houses would be built there. This recommendation would be passed to the PC for further discussion, after Mike Burton had been consulted.

- * **Actions:** CL to ask Mike Burton if redrawing the boundary was a possibility (CL)
CL to put SG recommendation over boundary to PC at the appropriate time (CL)

5. Community Assets

DG has consulted ENC over list of assets, and they will consider list to confirm which items are suitable for inclusion.

- * **Actions:** DG to send Asset list to ENC (DG)

6. Favourite Views/Protected Green Spaces

As there had not been much uptake in terms of residents sending in their favourite views, it was resolved that the SG would compile view photographs themselves, and then invite villagers to decide which ones were most worthy of protecting. It was hoped that we would be able to 'piggyback' on the Transition stall during the Transition Fair, with laminated photos for villagers to view, as well as a slideshow on the screen in Underground. KW suggested using an 'event tent' on the Green for the stall. Details would be finalised at the next meeting.

- * **Actions:** DG/CT to get approval from Sue Kirk (DG/CT)
CT/MA to gather photos of village views (CT/MA)
MA/KW to advertise this on Facebook (MA/KW)

In terms of Protected Green Spaces, CT wanted to include any sites with designations (e.g. SSSI). CL agreed to check with Mike Burton about validity of this.

***Actions:** CT to send list of proposed Green Spaces to CL (CT)

CL to check with Mike Burton whether these could be used (CL)

7. Plan Policies

We began the process of converting the Proposals from the Village Survey, and all other relevant information, into Policies.

Objective 1

(Since the Village Survey, the quota for new housing in the RNOT Plan for the village up to 2021 has now been fulfilled (by the proposed building of houses on the old Middle School site). Furthermore the new North Northamptonshire JCS confirms that new housing in the village (with the exception of infill) would be determined on the basis of need. This frees the village, at least in the short term, from the obligation of finding sites for new housing, especially since the Village Survey, Village Plan (2014), and other evidence has not revealed a demonstrable need. The Steering Group now sees the Neighbourhood Plan not so much as a vehicle for pro-actively providing sites for housing, than as a means of influencing the tenure, type, style and density of housing in the applications that may arise.)

The SG discussed at length the relevance and wording of the Proposals in Objective 1 without coming to any firm conclusions. It was agreed that members needed more time to consider the Proposals, and that the best way forward would be suggestions for wording passed round the group in the interim so that at the next meeting we would have a concrete starting point.

***Actions:** Members to email SG suggestions for precise wording of Proposals in Obj. 1 (All)

8. AOB

None

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16th November 2016, 7.30pm, Underground.