

Minutes of Neighbourhood Planning meeting:
Thursday 31.1.2019

Venue: Village Community Centre Committee Room
Meeting started at 7.00 pm – 9.15 pm

Attendees:

Darren, Julia, Mary, Alan, Jackie, Abigail, Matthew, Allan, Brenda, Richard, Andrew

Apologies:

John

Purpose of the meeting:

- 1 To reflect on questionnaire outcomes
- 2 To confirm Neighbourhood plan steering committee
- 3 To agree policies as determined by the questionnaire outcomes and consider participation in policy groups
- 4 Consider the best way to share the data and engage the communities
- 5 To plan Dickleburgh and Rushall Character assessments
- 6 Discussion on 4 sites for possible housing development
- 7 Respond to “Biodiversity and Neighbourhood Planning” by Norfolk Wildlife Trust
- 8 Discussion on possible sites for conservation and community use
- 9 AOB

Start: 7.00 pm

It was agreed to move item 1 to item 2 and item 2 to item 1

1.To confirm Neighbourhood plan steering committee. It was agreed that this is the Dickleburgh and Rushall Neighbourhood plan steering group. And, all those in attendance were members of the steering group. It was further agreed that there were still opportunities for others to join us if they wished.

2.To reflect on questionnaire outcomes. 2 documents were circulated:

- A) Dickleburgh and Rushall Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire results summary January 2019
- B) Summary tables and pie charts for questions

There was wide ranging discussion on the summary results.

3. To agree policies as determined by the questionnaire outcomes and consider participation in policy groups.

It was agreed that, for now, we would establish 3 focus groups. Each group would lead on the investigation and development of policies for the neighbourhood plan.

Groups consisted of:

Housing - Allan and Brenda (Allan to be Chair)

Transport and Infrastructure - Richard, Darren and Julia (group to select Chair)

Green spaces, habitats, recreation and environment - Alan, Jackie, Abigail, Matthew, Mary (group to select Chair)

There is scope for the groups to cover areas within the broad headings.

4. Consider the best way to share the data and engage the communities

It was agreed we need to share the current findings and keep engaging everyone we can in the NP process.

Strategies to be adopted include:

Updates to the Parish Council - Andrew to organise

Posters in the Chip shop and both pubs in the Parish – Andrew to organise

Posters in the Village Centre – Andrew to organise

Regular updates in the Parish news – Andrew to coordinate

In the March edition of the Parish news Issue a summary to accompany the Parish news and promote the open event at the Village Centre in April – Richard to speak to Mike Hodgkinson, Julia to speak to Gale Hodgkinson.

Email - All

Updates to the school - ? to coordinate / organise

Run an open day event in the Village Centre ideally 27th April – All to contribute

Parish Website – Andrew to organise

Twitter – Matthew to investigate?

5. To plan Dickleburgh and Rushall Character assessments.

Document:

C Dickleburgh and Rushall Neighbourhood Plan Character Assessment

We have been advised by South Norfolk and Broadland councils Neighbourhood plan advice team that we should create character assessments of areas in the parish. It was resolved that we would do so. It was thought the section identifying views should be changed to sight lines.

We have agreed to each do a practice run of our own street / road or area we know.

Andrew to circulate copies of the document with photos if possible team members to complete the sheets over the next 2 weeks. Team members to add pictures as needed / required.

6. Discussion on 4 sites for possible housing development

Documents

D Village meeting May 2017 GNDP call for sites graph plus Call for sites map, Document A and B

Wide ranging discussion around appropriateness of sites and appropriateness of choices being made. It was agreed there appeared to be a clear residents preference being made. This is complicated by recent approval of site developments that may not have been the popular choice of residents.

It was agreed that more guidance was needed. Andrew to arrange a meeting with John Walchester from the South Norfolk and Broadland Neighbourhood Planning team. And explore the answers and implications to the following points:

The current housing requirement by GDLP of the Parish

The issue around current planning permissions already given, and any new sites identified by the D and R neighbourhood plan team (D and R NPT).

Does the identification of a site / sites by D and R NPT necessarily mean that it will be adopted by GNLP.

What protection / strength can be given to D and R NPT identified green spaces.

7. Respond to “Biodiversity and Neighbourhood Planning” by Norfolk Wildlife Trust

Document:

E Biodiversity and Neighbourhood Planning by Norfolk Wildlife Trust

It was agreed that there is clear evidence in the questionnaire outcomes to suggest that conservation, green spaces, wild life habitats are important to the communities that make up the parish and this should be reflected in the eventual NP. The Green spaces working group

will consider Document E and seek further guidance. It was agreed to follow up our initial contact with Norfolk Wildlife Trust and seek their support as advisors to the G and R NPT.

8. Discussion on possible sites for conservation and community use

The focus of this discussion was a plot of land owned by South Norfolk which lies on the west side of Rectory road around the bottle bank. It was noted this is now the only point from where the Dickleburgh Moor can be seen from Rectory Road and the centre of the village. It was agreed that this sight line was essential for the Historic and cultural references of the village. It was also agreed that well-trod footpaths across the moor should be investigated and supported. There was an aspiration expressed that there could be a new green link created from Rectory road to the Moor. The PC should be encouraged to investigate the possibility of purchasing the land to protect the sight lines, and possibly create a wooded area or community orchard. There was discussion of a strip of land on Rectory Lane that may be a habitat of owls and bats.

It was resolved to continue the discussions over the coming months and formulate a plan and policies to protect habitats and maintain rural settings.

9 AOB

Discussion around the significance of Walnut trees.

Discussion over lorry sizes in relation to Document B.

The meeting ended at 9.15 pm