

A meeting of the NDP Steering Group took place remotely at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 15th September 2020

MINUTES

Present Chantal Foo Raine Ryland Darren Ellis Jeanette Kirby (Parish Council)

Also present:

Don Jerrard (Parish Council) Eddie Trotter (Parish Council) 1 member of the public

1. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the meeting would be recorded both audio and visually for the purposes of the minutes. CF notified the group that RM had stepped down from the steering group.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared

3. Approval of Minutes

There were no amendments to the minutes from the meeting dated 18 August 2020, these were proposed for approval by RR, seconded by JK, all in favour.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government White Paper

(a) The Chairman outlined the content of the White Paper and advised that this consultation was going out to the whole country for the public and organisations to respond to. CF suggested that Proposal 9 (*Neighbourhood Plans should be retained as an important means* of community input, and we will support communities to make better use of digital tools) will be of particular interest to the NDP.

Although there were many other questions it was initially felt that it was only appropriate for the NDP to respond to Proposal 9. JK confirmed that the Parish Council would be considering this consultation at the forthcoming parish council meeting.

The steering group considered various areas that may also require a response. There was particular concern raised about the removal of the Duty to Co-operate although it was noted that this was a duty on LPAs. The proposal to abolish Sustainability Appraisals needs further



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clarification, particularly with the amount of protected areas within the parish. Concern was also raised about the practicalities of individual streets being allowed to prepare separate NDPs and whether this would 'paralyse' plans coming to fruition due to further complications. Concern also raised to ensure that the importance and achievable actions of NDPs was not 'watered down' by the proposed planning changes. It was agreed that these subjects and questions should be included within the response to the White Paper from the NDP.

It was unanimously agreed that the NDP would prepare a response to the consultation.

It was agreed that CF would prepare a draft response incorporating the above discussions. Steering group members could submit comments to CF relating to the subjects raised. The draft response would be circulated to all steering group members for comment.

(b) CF suggested that steering group members consider 13(b) and submit comments to CF that can be considered further.

Cllr DJ confirmed that the parish council would also be submitting a response and it would be useful for councillors to see the NDP draft response. Cllr DJ asked if it was known whether parishes with an NDP in place would still receive CIL money. CF commented that although the CIL money was beneficial it was also important that development goes in the right place and the NDP currently has some control over that.

CF requested that all comments be sent by midday on Sunday 20th September.

6. Next Meeting

It was agreed to hold the next online meeting on Tuesday 20th October 2020 at 7.30 pm, due to administration requirements.

7. Exclusion of members of the public and press

CF read out the exclusion paragraph and gave the reasons for the exclusion. The excluded session was to approve the exempt meeting minutes from meeting dated 18th August 2020 and to discuss land use, housing requirements and site options. Proposed CF, seconded JK, all in agreement.