

WHISSENDINE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Minutes of the Steering Group Meeting held on **Wednesday 23 March 2022**
7.00pm, at Whissendine Village Hall

Present. **Mr Kevin Thomas (Chair)**
Mrs Rosemary Powell, Mr Geoff Clyde, Mr Ed Walker, Mrs
Cynthia Moss, Mr Will Farr, Mr Tony Law and Mr Paul
Greenlay.

In attendance Dr S Lammin (Parish Clerk)

Meeting opened 19.00hrs

127. To take any questions or comments from the public: None
128. Apologies for absence: Ms Amie Middleton.
129. Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None
130. To note any changes to membership of the group: None
131. To agree the minutes of the meeting on 22 February 2022:
Proposed by Geoff Clyde, seconded by Cynthia Moss the minutes were AGREED; and signed by the Chairperson.
132. Review of draft template and policies and to agree action: Policies have been uploaded into template by the consultant. Duration of plan to be 2023 to 2038; with 5-yearly reviews.
Section 3: Planning Aims –
This section needs an overarching statement about what makes Whissendine unique. It was AGREED that a variation of: 'To preserve the best aspects of the (our) delightfully diverse Parish of Whissendine while encouraging the enhancement of its (our) facilities and surroundings to better support the wellbeing of its (the) inhabitants and the character of the environment.' It was suggested 'preserve' is better replaced by 'protect'; that 'diverse' may need a synonym as the word is increasingly restricted to cultural diversity in common usage; and 'inhabitants' may better expressed as 'residents'.
Aims:
The Live-work and sustainability aim in the template was unclear in its wording and evidence is needed to support a need. The Housing Needs Analysis is being reviewed and some data may be qualified as the data-fit with local observations is poor in some instances.
The aim to maintain well-being and enhance opportunities was accepted as worthy.
The aim to protect Whissendine's historic environment should be separated from the aim to protect and enhance Whissendine's rural environment.
The aim to respond to the potential impact of climate change was welcomed.
The aim to ensure that buildings are well designed, and sustainable was welcomed.
Overall, it was suggested the Consultant's suggested wording of some of the aims needs amending and the order of the aims needs resorting.
- Policies:
Housing – WHI It was AGREED the following constraints should be reflectedwithin planned limits, in-fill development, redevelopment of existing housing, conversion of heritage

assets to housing, new dwellings should meet or exceed space standards, 1/2/3 bed housing and integral affordable housing, including social housing. Housing design needs: vehicle charging access, bin/bicycle stores, etc.

Clarification was needed of the meaning and benefits of a rural exception site. Housing needs: vehicle charging access, bin/bicycle stores, etc.

WH2: Community facilities:

There was support to include a desire for health care facilities. Community facilities should be retained; these include the Church, shop, village hall, Sports Club, pub.

Clarification is needed as to whether the old telephone box (with defibrillator) and the School can be included as community facilities.

WH3: Employment:

The draft policy is that change of use and development of Class E will be supported inside development limit. It will be necessary to clarify the development which is within Class E. [Class E: Commercial, Business and Service: display or retail sale of goods(not hot food), sale of food and drink for consumption (mostly) on the premises, Provision of financial services, professional services (other than health/medical), other appropriate services; indoor sport, recreation and fitness (not involving motorized vehicles/firearms//use as a swimming pool/skating rink) provision of medical/health services (except attached to the residence of a consultant/practitioner) creche, day nursery, or day centre (not including residential use) uses which can be carried out in a residential area without detriment to its amenity: offices for operational/admin. Functions, R&D of products/processes, industrial processes.]
(Given that not all premises in the village are suitable for conversion to hot-food retail, due to their close proximity to residential units and the potential for nuisance to arise there may need to be some further consideration about the detailed wording of this policy.)
The draft policy refers to employment sites; clarification is needed about what this term means in the context of Whissendine.

WH4: Design and environment:

Policies regarding pedestrian access in new developments were welcomed.

It was suggested it will be necessary to address the needs of cyclists and horse riders.

Policies with 'green design' solutions were supported including use of recycled materials.

WH5:

Policies were welcomed to protect landscape and heritage so there is no overall adverse impact, hedges and trees should be retained, etc. Specifically, there should be no adverse impact on Windmill's operation, historic aspect, etc.

WH6:

Policies on control of surface water were welcomed to prevent worsening of the flood issues in the village. The overall desire was that there should be no increase in flood impact of a development. It was AGREED that the draft wording was too loose so Ed is going to work on the wording.

WH7: Transport and active travel:

Policies to prevent significant impact on footpaths or bridle ways; and encouraging opportunities to enhance footpaths and bridle ways were welcomed. The term 'rural lanes' was included in the draft policy and a definition of rural lanes is required.

133. Review of supporting evidence and to agree action: It was AGREED the housing evidence needs more work, to include current house prices, etc. The economic, environment, flooding and leisure and recreation sections are all to be input. The information about the windmill is required. It is likely the evidence base/linkages will need strengthening. Kevin is going to

research population data. Ed is going to look at STW pumping station and surface water sewer capacity.

134. Consideration of any NP documents/objects for the Whissendine Time Capsule 2022:
It was AGREED the Children's postcards from the consultation exercise; survey report and a copy of the leaflet should be offered.
135. Any ongoing business not elsewhere on the agenda.
a) The Groundwork grant spending for 2022 has been reported, as required. Both grants were under-spent and the Parish Council has repaid £596.60 from the NP Admin. grant and £1080.45 from the NP Consultancy grant. Henceforth, any expenditure incurred by purchase of items/services or use of consultant's time is not supported by grant funds. The Consultant's support must be paused until a new grant is secured (availability has yet to be advertised) for the expense to be eligible for grant funding. Therefore, the Parish Council must be advised prior to any proposed expenditure so they can consider if they wish to fund the activity/item from the precept.
b) Awaiting name of consultant from Mr Moon re wind-corridor, Tony will chase.
c) Ed has taken over updating the NP website.
136. Agree the date of next meeting:
Tuesday 26 April 2022.
Wednesday 18 May 2022 (informal)
Wednesday 22 June 2022

Meeting closed 20.48hrs.