

Minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Meeting – Thursday 2nd July 2020 via Zoom (hosted by Chris Bowden)

Present –Chris Bowden (Navigus), Ben Birrell (Chair) & Stephen Mann (Vice-Chair)

In Attendance – Mandy Adlington (PC Clerk)

1. Introductions

Ben Birrell introduced himself to Chris as the new Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (NPWG)

Ben requested if Chris could bring him up to speed on where the plan was at and possible next stages.

Chris gave a brief overview of things as they stood at present and then the following points were discussed.

2. Finance Issues

Chris informed the group that the limit on grants for Neighbourhood Plans had now been increased to £17,000 for each project. Obviously, any further grant application needed to be completed correctly and the grant had to cover items a grant could be spent on.

Mandy stated that so far approximately £15,000 had been awarded and used. Mandy would investigate this further.

3. Draft Plan

Chris reported the most up to date draft plan was 2B. The difference between 1b and 2b were not very much except 2b now has possible site allocations in it.

Sections 1-8 were good and ready to go. The sections are Parish specific and Chris would suggest commending to the Parish Council (PC) and the community for acceptance.

Section 9 is the section that will need finalising and is the most complicated section.

It will need to be decided whether to include site allocations within the plan, and if so, which ones. It had been suggested, after the last drop in session, to include two sites, The Landridge site and Cyder House.

Unfortunately, the numbers of dwellings within the Landridge site has altered since this was first put to a public consultation. The decision would be to include IX14 or IX13 or both (see attached map).

It was felt that as the numbers have altered quite significantly, and the developers suggestions on how the development could fund infrastructure within the village had also altered, it really needed to have another consultation before any decision on inclusion is made.

Chris agreed to write a report stating options for moving the plan forward and end onto the group for discussion and possible decisions.

4. Public Consultation

It was felt that even though things were very changed and unusual at present, due to Coronavirus, a way to hold a public consultation needed to be looked at. Some suggestions were –

- Several Zoom Meetings
- Leaflet drop
- Once social distancing measures were eased a consultation could be held but with appointment slots times for residents with cleansing in between each appointment
- Social media coverage

5. Highways

It now has been suggested if the development on the Landridge site increases there could be a roundabout leading onto the A1088 from Bardwell Road. This option could be possible feasible and deliverable depending on residents responses. Further discussions may need to be held with Suffolk County Council (S.C.C.) on this issue.

6. Schooling

Chris stated he was waiting on an update from Cameron Clow (S.C.C.) on their thoughts if the suggested developments were to go ahead and the impact they would have on the current schools within the Parish.

8. Next Steps

A meeting of the remaining group would be arranged and the options from Chris put forward for discussion. Once the group had decided a way ahead then a report would be taken to the Parish Council for them to review.

Actions –

Mandy – Look into grant options

Chris – Email the latest draft plan (2b), Options for going forward

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Signed, NP Chair – Ben Birrell

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Date