

Meeting on 4.10.18, 7.00pm in The Priory Room

Present: Phil Newby, Alison Martin, Jimmy Bailey, Maggie Barber, Amanda Ellis, Lorna Mackinnon, Tracey Gorzelak, Richard Belson, Ian Campbell, Eddie Dougall, Sally Johnston, Derek Sargeant

Apologies: Kathryn & John Blakeway, Gordon Murray, Alan Twite, Kevin Boardley, Trevor Roberts

Main Matters:

1. Phil apologized re change of date.
2. Phil reported that we are now a fully designated NP group and the village boundary has been agreed as our working boundary.
3. Jimmy reported back on issues following the last meeting and confirmed that we will have support from Mid Suffolk & Babergh. At the June meeting people had tentatively said which areas they would like to tackle and now we need to flesh out these areas and sort any gaps that need to be filled.
4. Derek has been looking at **Flooding** .. he has looked through the strategic documents at MS & B. Nothing relates to Walsham specifically. Next step to contact Environment Agency and possible make a Freedom of Information request. Initial approach purely based on Planning and Env Agency records .. afterwards need to take up evidence from village residents for a local nuance.
5. Tracey and Lorna have made a start on **Green Spaces** in the locality .. playground, allotments, Wild Wood, Sports Ground, cemetery. Need to look for other pockets.
6. Note from meeting for **Trevor** .. we need a big OS map on a board so that people can point out relevant sites etc within their areas of research.
7. Ian is looking at **Sports & Leisure** .. he will need to conduct an audit.
8. John & Kathryn are looking at **History** .. put simply, we need to look at what we have in terms of heritage, assets in planning terms, conservation area, listed buildings (Richard has looked at this for P Council), areas the NP believe to be important – where we are, what do we need to take forward.
9. Alison is interested in **Housing** .. what land might be available, suitable design, how much, what do we have .. look at Housing Needs Survey. Census data – what info is there in terms of number of houses. What do we think we need? Is there a specific demographic left out? Ian C

suggested plotting the historical development of the housing – where areas have developed over the years. Amanda volunteered to help Alison.

10. **Traffic** .. defer to next meeting as no-one to cover at the moment. Need a baseline of where we are, traffic issues when we look at areas to develop, mapping the road network (which areas are not fit for purpose in allowing 2 large vehicles to pass).
11. **School & Early Years** .. capacity, catchment areas etc
12. **Jobs & Shops** .. what employment areas are there in the village, what would we seek to retain, how many jobs, how many local people employed.
13. **Design** .. needs to follow on after the work on Housing .. colour palette, materials, roofing etc. Has an historic angle to it. Take into account the height of the land – topography for planning.
14. **Green Issues** .. relates to future development again .. need to think about green corridors etc.
15. **NEXT STEPS** .. 15th Nov MSDC reps here to talk to NP and P Council – questions re poss funding – eg ecologists, are there studies we need to have done?
16. Farmers have to do ditch surveys and will have detailed maps of ditches, part of good custodianship of the land. **Sally** will ask around.
17. **Meetings:** 25th October, 15th November as above, 29th November, all in Priory Room 7.00pm