

Notes from Neighbourhood Plan meeting 17th September 2020

Present:

Richard, Ian Suzi, Sally, Phil, James (Amanda)

in the light of prospective changes to Government planning policy and following the informal guidance Jimmy has received from the local planning office, the group discussed merits of producing a streamlined document as opposed to a conventional NP and agreed this as the best course of action. The first drafts of this document will need to be produced over a shorter time frame. ie before next spring.

It was agreed to kick start the process by asking Trevor to produce an updated map. The map will be a record of the ideas shared by the village at the July exhibition detailing suggestions as to where development might take place and areas the community would like to see protected. The map will also frame the knowledge we have in hand as to where land realistically will or won't be available now or in the near future due to ownership issues, covenants or protection under existing legislation. The map will be shown to the council planners and the feedback it is hoped will assist the group in its endeavour to write a *new generation* NP.

Phil and Jimmy to action.

The Group decided to proceed with drafting a shorter *new generation* style document whilst making arrangements for further smaller consultations with individuals in the village who might not be easy to reach and who have thus far not attended NP community events. Amanda agreed to help Suzi reach out to people as well as to gather feedback herself to share with the group.

Sally agreed to help run drafts of the slimline document via input from the team.

The group discussed three main headings for the working shorter document:

BUILT ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT and NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

Suzi will continue to work on these headings and the areas to be covered withing each. It was conceded that while environmental surveys might no longer be a requirement for a *new generation* NP, Walsham may well still wish to carry out these surveys in order to best formulate our plan.

It was decided henceforth the group should aim to publish minutes of all of its meetings in order to aid transparency and provide a formal line of communication with the community as well as to encourage others to get involved. The group agreed that for this purpose, it should appoint a secretary by placing an advert in the Observer. Suzi to action. It was pointed out by Richard that minutes need not be in expansive detail and can be kept relatively short, simple and clear.

In his words:

What has been discussed

What has been decided

Who is doing it.

in the absence of a secretary, Sally volunteered to write up some post hoc minutes from today's meeting to share with the group.