

Walsham le Willows' Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Group Subgroup of the Parish Council

Meeting Minutes 15th October 2020

Present

Ian Campbell, James Bailey, Richard Belson and Suzi Martineau

1. Reviewed agenda of last meeting on 1st October 2020

- a. Discussed potential local impact of UK government's allocation of additional housing through algorithms and merging of County and District government under a unitary authority.
- b. Thanked Ian Toulson for the call for a Secretary for the Neighbourhood Plan group in the Observer.
- c. Heard from James and Phil about meeting with Trevor to get maps that reflected the results of the Housing Exhibition in the village and outlined a strategy for sharing with the community.
- d. Suzi reported back suggestions for sub headings under Environment and Community. Those being Biodiversity, Climate Change, Trees & Hedgerows, Grandees, Allotments and Community Food, Land Managers & Wildlife Corridors, Shared Green Spaces, Footpaths & Walking Routes, School and Habitat Creation, Community Needs, Youth & Adult Education, Community Hubs, Community Care.
- e. Discussed Government and Suffolk Wildlife Trust's commitment to 30% land for biodiversity and Wild East's Land Manager driven focus on making East Anglia pioneering in supporting biodiversity and associated educational resources.

2. Housing Day – Community Feedback Maps

- a. Looked at maps of village provided by Trevor.
- b. Discussed need for layers from Community Consultation on housing to be included- James and Trevor have emailed. There was a fault with the printing on the layers Trevor had created.
- c. Discussed Ian's suggestions around written feedback to the Village around the Housing Day. Ian has provided text.

3. Time lines for completion of the Walsham Neighbourhood Plan.

- a. James reported on feedback from the District Council that they're taking the Local Plan to committee in November 2020. Which means it's unlikely to be finalised and made law until Autumn 2021.
- b. Group reviewed relevant timings for the completion of the Walsham NP in order that it may have the strength of sitting under the Autumn 2021 finalised plan thus safeguarding number of houses for development for the next 15 years.
- c. It was agreed that we'd got a long way with identifying sites and had done well with regards to the housing aspect of the plan and that we could turn our attention to other areas of focus like

addressing the needs of the community under covid and environment.

4. District call for sites for Trees and Hedgerows

- a. Brought attention to email from Cathy Aubertine re: potential appetite for exploring additional hedgerows and tree planting. MEETING 13/10/2020 Trees and hedgerow.
- b. All agreed that it would be good to respond positively and need to research proceedings from meeting with Parish Council.

5. Informal Consultations to hear back needs of Community

- a. The group discussed the idea for getting to know better the needs of different groups within the village. This was seen as a need to address:
 - i. The current lack of representation in the group of the different needs and living situations of people in the village.
 - ii. To better address the fast pace of change in peoples circumstances as a direct effect of Covid and related socio-economic needs.
- b. The group discussed questions and explored their relevance. Examples included:
 - i. How much developments is wanted in the future.
 - ii. What services do you value and what is missing?
 - iii. What is it like for people and what are your needs?
 - iv. What had your covid experience been?
- c. Ideas that addressed the needs of the community and the huge potential for what we could support locally in terms of regeneration and addressing local needs. Examples like:
 - i. community gardens and addressing food resilience,
 - ii. addressing the allotment restrictions around selling goods,
 - iii. Conversations to support Land Managers with rapidly changing grants
 - iv. Opening up the Village Hall for as a café more regularly.
 - v. Providing Work Hub and HotDesking Spaces.
 - vi. Local education and peer to peer learning around community needs such as the needs of care for the elderly.

6. Issues with NP communication of Meetings

- a. Richard raised the important concerns that minutes had not gone out from the last meeting and the difficulty the inconsistency of communication between the group, the Parish Council and the wider community via the website.
- b. We agreed that we'd had significant issues around consistent minute taking and acknowledge that while we'd put out calls for a NP Secretary no one had offered to step forwards.

- c. The group apologised to the Paris Council and for the difficult situation that created for those that wanted to be know how the Neighbourhood Plan is progressing.
- d. Richard asked that a representative of the Group attend the next Parish Council meeting to give formal feedback on the NP process on 10th November. Suzi agreed to attend.

Date of next meeting 12th November 2020

Next agenda

Review of Maps

Update on village consultation around Environment and Community.