

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

Meeting Minutes 12th November 2020

Present via zoom

Maggie Barber, Phil Newby (Chair), Alison Martin, Ian Campbell, James Bailey, Richard Belson, Suzi Martineau and Kevin Broadly

1. Agreed minutes of 15th October 2020 and recapped last meeting.
2. Suzi updated on discussion with Parish Council
 - a. Relayed our work on map regarding development and Rick from District's support for Walsham's NP. Small discussion around process with Local Plan in Mid-Suffolk, timing and potential government policies for more housing in the region.
 - b. Highlight Suffolk Community Foundation's Hidden Needs report launch and needs around Walsham community over winter.
 - c. Discussed Nick Mulvney's raising of the needs of land managers under new grants and brexit. This was linked to Districts Biodiversity corridor work and how the NP could work to support Walsham on responding to this request and opportunity for funding of additional trees and hedgerows at scale.
2. Sally raised point about creating one pager for Wattisfield Road.
 - a. We discussed the merits of creating a one pager for the Parish Council to review. This would be to reflect the wishes of the village in such a way that a potential developer may respond to positively.
 - b. Options discussed were needs for:
 - i. Bungalows for the Elderly
 - ii. Sheltered accommodation
 - iii. Starter homes for young people and families
 - iv. Needs to maintain the look and feel of the village on this approach into Walsham.
 - v. Relative merits of
 - vi. Exploring Nature focused housing development design with the example approach of [Building with Nature](#)

Action Points

1. Ideas and thoughts on bullet points suggestions for Wattisfield Road to be emailed to James. James will pull together a one-page summary of recommendations from NP for the Parish Council.
2. Suzi requested to meet with Sally and Alison to develop work strategy for Community and Environment focus areas going forwards.

Date of next meeting 26th November 2020

Agenda: TBC