

WILLASTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN NOTES 17th NOVEMBER 2016

Present: Maurice Jones, Colin Todd, Keith Ward, Ann Cutts, Shirley Brazier, Martin Langhorn,
Also in attendance Andrew Thomson Planning Consultant.

Apologies: Frank Morton, Rachel O'Hara, Rob McIntosh

Minutes: Meeting held on 27th October 2016 – approved.

Neighbourhood Plan Update: Andrew introduced the item by informing the group that Rhianna Monaghan was leaving Cheshire East at the end of the year which will leave Cheshire East short of staff i.e only Tom Evans and therefore the group needed urgently to make use of Rhianna before she left to take up a new position at Stoke-o-Trent Council. Andrew asked Colin to explain the work that he had been doing along with Rob McIntosh with regard to pre-Reg. 14 and Reg. 14. Colin gave a full report and due to the change in instructions from Cheshire East that the pre-Reg. 14 advice will be by leaflets on the websites, notice boards and local shops with links to various policies and the information would be open dated. After a period of time to allow the public to question or comment on the pre-Reg. 14 policies and for any necessary action to be incorporated if deemed appropriate then the full policy document (Reg.14) will be issued to all names shown on the Cheshire East list for a period of 6 weeks (dates yet to be decided). Martin quoted Basford and Chorley who had adopted a different approach. Andrew referred to Hampshire C.C. and stated they had lost Green Gap appeal.

Andrew then gave an in-depth report on Regulations 15, 16, 17 and 19 before final adoption and stated there was still a considerable amount of work to be done. The Chairman then went through a rough draft of the final Plan which was to include photographs and various informative maps and diagrams. Keith raised the subject of the policy document and thought the group had decided to make the Green Gap Policy the number one priority. The members of the group agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan was based on retaining the Green Gap. Andrew and Colin agreed to amend the policy document. It was also agreed to update the housing report.

The Chairman wondered if there was any benefit in employing Rob McIntosh with his I.T. skills to assist in producing the final document but 'it was thought there was enough expertise within the group. Ann suggested that we might compensate Colin for all his work but the offer was declined. The Chairman stated he had asked the Clerk to include an item on the Parish Council Agenda to approve the Neighbourhood Policies Document. Colin said he would issue the amended document to all Councillors.

Financial Report: Martin reported no change from the last meeting but he had received an invoice from John Hesselwood but still expected to return some unused grant money.

Next Meeting: 8th December 2016 at 32, Hollybush Crescent Willaston commencing 7.30pm.