

WILLASTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2015

Present: Maurice Jones, Colin Todd, Keith Ward, Martin Langhorn, Craig Bailey, Anna Cutts Shirley Brazier Ann Jones.

Also present Andrew Thompson – Planning Consultant.

Apologies: Wayne Lewis, Frank Morton.

Minutes: of meeting held on 10th November 2015 were approved.

Public Presentation: The Chairman thanked all for attending the Willaston in-Bloom presentation evening where the Display Boards were on show and the Neighbourhood Plan Book was signed. Confirmed that members had attended Willaston Primary Academy Christmas Fayre and again signatures were obtained just prior to this meeting (27th November).

Planning Presentation: Andrew, Planning Consultant, gave an update and presentation on the following:- Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy – Andrew confirmed he had also attended the meeting at Sandbach on 3rd November 2015 and had also attended similar meetings in Macclesfield and Nantwich and the presentation and theme was the same at all meetings but also the concerns, comments and objections were all very similar. The Chairman confirmed that the notes from the 3rd November meeting had been received by Martin and distributed to all members.

Andrew confirmed that the second reading of the Planning and Housing Bill was due next week and this could have an effect on the N.P.F. (National Planning Forum). The C.P.R.E. were concerned about the Bill in relation to Housing Targets. The Inspectors report (including Green Gap) should be at the end of December and the resultant C.E.C. report in late January 2016. In the meantime CHALC along with the Consultants would be lobbying the Cheshire M.P's.

The housing needs survey will have to be put on hold until after the Inspectors report. However, it was now important that the Environment survey should be obtained. The Chairman would contact Dr Rachel Giles from the Wildlife Trust and press for a report, although he knows how busy she is. Andrew would also contact her to explain priority. Discussions also followed regarding Air Pollution and Flood Levels. The Chairman was asked to contact Tom Evans C.E.C. to request mapping areas for Willaston. This to include Green Gap, Open Spaces, Features of Interest, Historical Sites, Footpaths etc.

Andrew concluded by saying he hoped to have a suite of draft policies in the New Year.

Website: The Chairman confirmed the website went live on 11th November but the test site was still useable. Some members expressed concern that the site was not up to date. The Chairman would follow – up.

Date of Next Meeting: Agreed that the next meeting would be Thursday 7th January 2016 and the Chairman closed the meeting wishing Seasonal Greeting.