

WILLASTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE

NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON Tuesday 2nd February 2016

Present: Maurice Jones, Keith Ward, Martin Longhorn, Colin Todd, Shirley Brazier, Ann Jones.

Also present Andrew Thomson – Planning Consultant.

Apologies: Frank Morton, Craig Bailey, Anna Cutts.

Minutes: of meeting held on 7th January 2015 – approved.

Matters Arising: Confirmed that meeting with Edward Timpson MP had taken place and he had taken a positive attitude and a further meeting had been arranged.

Presentation: Andrew Thomson – Planning Consultant gave an update and presentation on the following:-

- 1) Approval of Cheshire East Local Plan – letter from Councillor Rachel Bailey (who is responsible for the Local Plan) stated that the final adoption of the Local Plan is one of the highest priorities for the Council. Following the favourable further Interim Views from the Inspector the latest proposed outline timetable had been sent to the inspector and is attached. It is the intention that a full revised Local Plan Strategy will be published on the 10th February for decisions to be made at the following PUBLIC meetings:-
 - Special meeting of the Strategic Planning Board at Macclesfield Town Hall commencing at 10am on 18th February 2016
 - Special meeting of Cabinet at Westfield's commencing at 2pm on 23rd February 2016
 - Council meeting at Crewe Alexandra SP Football Club Carlsberg Lounge commencing at 10pm on 25th February 2016 and continuing at 10pm on 26th February 2016 with the second day focussing on the Local Plan.
- 2) Neighbourhood Local Plan Draft Framework:- The framework produced by Andrew had been forwarded to members and an open discussion took place. The priority from the group was the policy for the Green Gap and Andrew stated he would produce a policy for each meeting as directed by the group. He would speak to Rhiannon Monaghan and agreed housing methodology for the Housing Policy.
- 3) Feedback from Norley: - Andrew referred to Norley Neighbourhood Plan and the key learning points.
- 4) Audlem Parish Council: - Letter to the Prime Minister and reply from a member of the Neighbourhood Planning Team from the Dept. for Communities and Local Government was discussed and commented on.

5) Outstanding Planning Appeals:-

Andrew said he would contact Tom Evans and try and ascertain the status of the Appeals for Moorfields and Park Road as any decision will have an impact upon the Neighbourhood Plan.

6) Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy: - Further Interim Views - The Chairman referred to the reply letter from Adrian Fisher which stated that the Council do not intend to undertake any form of pre-consultation because the Edge of Settlement Analysis and Urban Potential work provides extensive information as to site options – this has been in the public domain for the past six months. Andrew replied that he already picked up on this point and was in discussion with Adrian but would raise the Steering Groups concerns.

Cheshire Wildlife: The Chairman stated that he had not contacted Rachel Giles because following the comments from the last meeting he was not certain if Rachel was offering the service, especially regarding the Green Gap, that the quotation of £650.00 warranted. Andrew replied that he would contact Rachel and attempt to sort out.

Willaston Mapping Areas: Colin stated that the mapping information was on the google web site but Andrew would also discuss with Rhianna Monaghan.

Website: The Chairman reported receipt of the payment from Rob McIntosh but also that Rob was so impressed by work of the group that he had joined his local (Wistaston) Neighbourhood Group.

Financial Report: Martin produced an Income and Expenditure Account and reported a balance of £3479.74. The Chairman reported an update on the contract with Cheshire Community Action regarding Andrew Thomson's timetable as at the end of January 2016.

Next Meeting: It was agreed to hold a short update meeting after the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 23rd February and subsequent meetings on Tuesday 1st March and the 15th March, both at Hollybush Crescent.