

**MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN  
STEERING GROUP HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20TH APRIL 2016 AT 7.00PM  
AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL, CHURCH LANE, WISTASTON.**

**Present:** Cllr.J.Moore (Chair)

Cllr.Mrs.J.Bond, Cllr.D.Millington, Cllr.G.Roberts, D.Clews, D.Lucas & R.McIntosh.

**In Attendance:** Mrs.A.Cross, Mr. A. Thomson & Mr.C.Todd.

**65 APOLOGIES**

J.Bennett, W.Heath & Cllr.R.Westwood.

**66 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made in respect of any items on the Agenda.

**67 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2016, were approved.

**68 RESIGNATION RECEIVED FROM NICK GREEN**

Nick Green's email giving his resignation, had been circulated to members of the Steering Group.

**69 MR. ANDREW THOMSON, PLANNING CONSULTANT - Update on Policies**

Mr.Thomson has prepared draft policies for Housing and Green Gap, for discussion under items 70 and 71 of this meeting.

Mr.Thomson said he still had to prepare draft policies for Employment, Transport, Leisure, Local Green Space and Infrastructure; those for Employment and Transport would be done following his return from holiday.

Mr.Thomson has recently been in contact with Cheshire East about the plan for Stapeley - it will need redrafting, and also bring in matters with regard to Climate Change.

Mr.Thomson has contacted Adrian Fisher of Cheshire East about CE's proposed next steps for the Local Plan; currently CE have no firm timetable, but they have promised to keep Mr.Thomson updated.

**70 FIRST DRAFT HOUSING POLICY - 16th March 2016**

The draft Housing Policy was discussed, and generally agreed, with possible amendments resulting from the following comments:-

- 1) Mr.Thomson advised that large scale appeals were outside the plan.
- 2) Mr.Thomson will revise the policy by, replacing Willaston with Wistaston, removing Policy H5 and adding to Policy H6 a sub-item d) Preserve Green Gap.
- 3) Mr.Todd suggested including provision of space for waste bins and car parking.
- 4) Cllr.Bond suggested including provision of bungalows.

**71 DRAFT GREEN GAP POLICY - 16th March 2016**

The draft Green Gap Policy was discussed and agreed.

Mr.Thomson said the policy was consistent with the views of other parishes and ChALC.

Mr.Todd reported that Willaston had made representations to Cheshire East, in support of maintaining the Green Gap in the emerging Local Plan; separate representations had been made by the Parish Council, the Neighbourhood Plan Group and ChALC.

Cllr.Roberts asked how the legal strength of the Green Gap could be improved;

Mr.Thomson said it was necessary to demonstrate a five year housing land supply policy, and clarification was needed in the Richborough appeal decision with regard to the use of the word “may” in paragraph 49 of the NPPF.

## **72 TREASURERS REPORT**

Mrs.Cross confirmed that the money had been received for the first grant.

## **73 SECOND GRANT APPLICATION from ‘My Community’ Fund**

The application form was discussed and agreed.

Mrs.Cross advised that a maximum sum of £500 could be swapped between the various items on the list.

Mr.Todd advised that funds were available from Cheshire East for the costs of Rhiannon Monaghan’s Housing Policy document, and for printing brochures.

## **74 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ZONE SIGNS**

After discussion, it was agreed to provide a “Neighbourhood Plan Zone” sign on each of the six roadside boundary signs in Wistaston, using a yellow Swan logo and yellow text on a green background.

Mr.Clews said he would order the signs once the second grant had been arranged.

## **75 STALL AT VILLAGE FETE - Saturday 18th June 2016.**

After discussion, it was agreed to order a flyer similar to Bunbury’s, but clearer to read.

Mr.Thomson to send Cllr.Bond and Mr.McIntosh a clear copy of the Bunbury flyer.

Mr.McIntosh agreed to prepare the flyer, and he would submit some draft wording to the next meeting. Cllr.Bond said she would provide numbers and details of figures received from the Residents Survey to Mr.McIntosh.

Cllr.Moore proposed having a banner for the stall; Cllr.Millington said he would order one, using a yellow Swan logo and yellow text on a green background, 3 metres long and 1 foot high.

Mr.Clews said he would be unable to assist at the stall; Cllr.Moore said he would ask Mr.Green.

## **76 STALL AT DUCK RACE - Saturday 3rd September 2016**

Cllr.Millington offered to organise a stall, next to the WS&LA stall.

Cllr.Bond, Mr.Lucas and Cllr.Millington offered to assist at the stall; Cllr.Moore said he would ask Mr.Green.

Mr.Thomson suggested having some balloons with logos to hand out; Mr.Clews to inquire if they were available in Nantwich.

Mrs.Cross to include in the second grant a sum of £95 for promotional merchandise.

## **77 WEBSITE - Update from Mr.McIntosh**

Mr.McIntosh reported that he had added three Ordnance Survey maps to the website, and intended to add some more, to demonstrate how the area of Wistaston had changed over the years.

Cllr.Roberts said he would send Mr.McIntosh a copy of a 1968 OS map, marked up with housing development between 1968 and 2015.

Mr.Thomson suggested including photographs of traffic congestion.

## **78 NEXT STEPS - Future Actions**

After discussion, it was agreed to check the progress of the Natural Environment Report (Rachel Giles, CWT) and the Housing Policy document (Rhiannon Monaghan, CE).

Mr.Thomson confirmed that he would submit his draft policies on Employment and Transport to the next meeting, together with an update on Housing.

Mr.Todd recommended that the numbers of dwellings proposed by Harlequin, Gladman and Muller (EIA) be included in the Natural Environment Report.

## **79 NEXT MEETING**

The next meetings will be held on Wednesday 18th May and Thursday 9th June at 7pm.

**The meeting closed at 8.28pm.**