

MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2015 AT 7.00 P.M.
AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL, CHURCH LANE, WISTASTON.

Present: Cllr. J. Moore (Chairman)

Cllr. Mrs. J. Bond, Cllr. D. Millington, Cllr. G. Roberts, Cllr. R. Westwood, D. Clews, N. Green,
W. Heath, Mrs. C. Howarth & D. Lucas.

In Attendance:- Mrs. A. Cross & Mr. C. Todd.

1 APOLOGIES

None Received.

2 INTRODUCTION

Each Member introduced themselves to the Group.

3 SPEAKER MR. TODD, VICE CHAIRMAN OF WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL - NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Colin Todd Vice Chairman of Willaston Parish Council to the meeting. He provided a slide presentation of the requirements involved with preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and details of Willaston's experience so far. Grants are available from Cheshire Community Action and Cheshire East Council. The Community Action Grant cannot be given retrospectively and must be spent within 6 months or by the end of the financial year. The grant money can be utilised to engage the services of a planning consultant to write up planning policies which must be included in the plan and he advised contacting Mr. John Heselwood of Cheshire Community Action to request the services of Mr. Andrew Thomson. It is useful to have a dedicated Neighbourhood Plan Website and Mr. Rob McIntosh of RJM IT is recommended, he is also Wistaston Parish Council's Web Designer. The Royal Mail Response Service is a useful way to ensure questionnaires are returned. Colin agreed to be part of the Wistaston Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group as a non-voting advisor and will set up a Google Drive account for storing all Neighbourhood Plan Documents. The Chairman thanked Colin for his detailed presentation and welcomed the assistance offered.

4 OPEN DISCUSSION

An open discussion took place. Cllr. Roberts agreed to ask Mr. Tom Evans of Cheshire East Council to provide the number of completed houses in Wistaston from 2010.

5 NEXT STAGE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION 'INTERALIA'

The next meeting is to be arranged for 4th November 2015. Mrs. Christine Howarth indicated she would not participate, however, all other Members agreed to continue.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

