

MINUTES of a meeting held at **10.20 am on Friday, 10th November 2017**

Venue: The Baptist Church, Village Street, Harvington

Present:

Chris Haynes	Chairman
Kathy Haynes	Admin and PR
Les Hancock	Transport
Clive Allen	Environment Group
Chris Rushworth	Housing Group
John Langley	Parish Council
Tim Swift	Parish Council
Maureen Hall	Secretary and Environment Group

1. Apologies: An apology had been received from Gill Smith.

2. SG Membership Changes

As MH had resigned from the Parish Council, John Langley had been elected the second P.C. representatives on the Committee. However, MH was co-opted back on to act as Secretary and Environment Group representative.

2. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Chairman's Report

CH had met with Neal Pierce to review the changes made so far. A precis of this meeting had been circulated to members (see attached) and the Steering Group reviewed and discussed the comments made. The following actions were decided upon:

- **'Power Words':** CH had already 'tweaked' the Plan in this regard, and the Group that such changes would be advantageous. A new Version (V.8) of the Plan will shortly be available on line.
- In addition to the Statement of Conformance to Community Consultation already included in the E.R.J. document, Neal felt that the composition of the Steering and Working Groups should be included.
- The original **Development Boundary** was drawn up by Wychavon, and included some drafting errors. Neal Pearce had confirmed that there was no reason why these could not be corrected by the Steering Group, and a corrected map included in the Plan. (See Item .. below).
- **EH6.** Neal saw no reason why the Parish Council should not try again to get TPOs on the Millenium Avenue trees, as the previous reasons for not proceeding, given by Wychavon DC., were not valid. It was agreed that TS would send an email to the Parish Clerk, asking for this to be put on the Agenda again.
- **Flooding.** It was agreed that a copy of the Flooding Policies should be sent to the Parish Council Flooding Officer. Regarding the inclusion of photographs of the 2007 floods, it was suggested that KH (a) put out a Facebook appeal for photos, and (b) contact the Environment Department at Wychavon, who have a photographic record of this event.
- **Minerals:** Neal had confirmed that Contractors who were planning to undertake any civil engineering works, including the extraction of minerals, would have to consult the Neighbourhood Plan with regard to any comments therein concerning their activities. It was

therefore worth putting in a Policy dealing with 'Civil Engineering Works'. However, all reference to Minerals per se should be removed.

- **New Businesses:** The Steering Group agreed that there should be no clause which would restrict new businesses being established in the Parish.
- **Allocated Parking spaces:** Discussion took place regarding the 'allocated parking space' clause suggested by Neal. Comment was made that such a clause might conflict with the policies regarding transport contained within the NPPF and the SWDP, and LH was requested to look into this and find the relevant policies within those documents. It was, however, pointed out that such a policy clause could be over-ruled by the Planning Department, if they felt it was appropriate. Although the group agreed that the clause might encourage the use of private vehicles rather than public transport, it was felt that the benefits (control of housing density and street parking) outweighed the disadvantages, and that such a clause should be incorporated subject to their being no conflict with National / County Policy.
- **Electric Car Charging Points:** Whilst it was possible for houses with garages or private parking areas to incorporate charging points within the property, there were many areas within the village where such provision would not be viable. It was therefore suggested by CH that provision should be made within the Neighbourhood Plan to set aside two areas, one at each end of the village, where a charging point for electric vehicles could be provided, and this was agreed. An area backing on to the Old Telephone Exchange at the Leys Road end of the village, and the garage area behind Malthouse Close were suggested, and CH will draft a clause incorporating this into the Plan. In addition, the possibility of including charging points in new Lamp Posts was discussed and referred to the Parish Council representatives for them to raise this with the PC. It was agreed that a clause should be included in the 'Aspirations' section of the Plan to the effect that, when lamp posts need replacing, charging points should be included.
- **Protection of the existing Housing Association Garage Block areas** within the village. After some discussion it was agreed that these were important spaces to protect, and CH will identify these and include them on the Map.
 - **Trees and Orchards:** CH had contacted Wade Muggleton, an expert on Orchards from Worcestershire CC, to ask for his help in identifying the varieties within the old orchards in the Parish. It was agreed that a clause should be inserted in the Plan to protect the remaining orchards around the village.
 - **CH** had also identified the Windbreak hedgerows, mostly coniferous, that existed around the village. It was felt that these should also receive protection within the Plan, and it was suggested that CH draft a clause to the effect that, if there were agricultural activity within 500m of such a hedgerow, this should be protected.
- **Aspirations:** CH presented the Section he had put together regarding Aspirations, and this was approved by the Group.
- **Development Boundary:** The Group reviewed the existing boundary on a map, and the proposed changes. After some discussion it was agreed that the changes should be adopted, as most of them were due to drafting errors when the boundary was originally drawn up, and that these changes should be forwarded to the Parish Council for their consideration and approval prior to the Draft Plan being presented to them.

- **Community Land:** It was suggested that the Parish Council should be asked to apply for 'Community Asset Land' status for the land allocated to the Community in Site 'A', after the six-week consultation, as this would provide an additional layer of protection for the land. This was agreed.
- **Timing:** It had been agreed at the last Parish Council meeting that the process of producing the Draft should not be rushed, and the December deadline had therefore been extended. It was hoped to be able to submit the Plan by January, but 'getting it right' was considered to be more important than getting it in by a certain date. It was also agreed that we should meet during the first two weeks of December, but then take a break for Christmas.

6. Date and Time of next meeting: 10.00 am on Friday, 17th November 2017, at The Baptist Chapel, Village Street.

The meeting closed at 12.15 pm.