

WALTHAM ON THE WOLDS AND THORPE ARNOLD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP

MEETING NOTES: WEDNESDAY 4 MAY 2016 WALTHAM VILLAGE HALL

Attendees

David Jefferson (DJ)

Cllr Martin Lusty (ML) - Secretary

Rachel Quine (RQ)

Steve Ware (SW) - Chair

Jayne Haynes (JHa)

Cllr Malcolm Mills (MM)

Glena Rowlands (GR)

Richard Mugglestone (RM) of MRH

Apologies

Claudine Baxter (CB)

James Houghton (JHo)

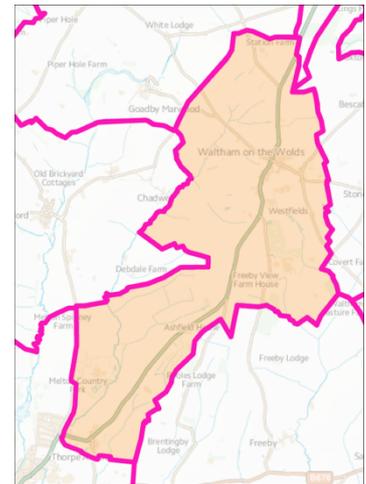
Cllr David Lovegrove (DL)

Alan Noble (AN)

James Beverley (JB) – MBC

David Hill (DH)

Judith Maidment (JM)



Copies to:

NPG members, PC notice boards/website and James Beverley, MBC

1. Notes from the last meeting

No requested changes.

2. Group membership

No changes.

3. Rural Housing Needs

Richard Mugglestone of Midlands Rural Housing (MRH) kindly attended the meeting. MRH is a specialist rural housing organisation that aims to help those who live and work locally to access housing which is affordable. MRH is to carry out an independent Housing Needs Survey (HNS) on behalf of MBC. This is designed to establish the local housing needs, particularly affordable housing needs, of people in the Parish (i.e. those who have strong connections such as living, working or having family in the Parish). The evidence gathered in such surveys is used to inform Local Authority housing strategy and policy, to ensure that resources are being effectively targeted, and to provide evidence for Neighbourhood Plans. Richard will forward the wording of the HNS to us for review. He also suggested that it could be combined with our own NP survey.

We agreed that the resulting evidence from would be useful for the NP but that it should be not be combined with the NP survey. We offered to arrange distribution of the HNS questionnaire and collection of returns. Timing was considered important to avoid survey fatigue.

Action: ML to correspond with RM to establish a good time for the HNS survey, avoiding conflict with the NP survey if we proceed with that.

4. Melton Borough Draft Local Plan.

ML reported on a recent meeting with Jim Worley and James Beverley at Parkside. MBC are under pressure to complete the Local Plan by 'early' 2017. Based on the multitude of responses to the recent consultation, the next version of the Local Plan, due in September, will be very different. Further responses to the Draft Plan consultation made during May will still be considered. We are encouraged to stay in touch with JB to ensure the Local Plan and NP are aligned.

Action: ML to continue to meet with JB on a regular basis.

5. Public Drop-in Consultation Meetings

The consultation sessions had been successfully held on 19 and 20 April with good attendance and participation. GR, RQ, MM, SW and ML have transcribed the output from the sessions and this has been collated, initially in Word. We agreed to review the responses before deciding if a further survey was beneficial. Meanwhile, examples of recent questionnaires will be sought from other NP parishes.

Actions: ML to transfer the data to Excel and analyse the responses, identifying issues and priorities. SW and ML to request example questionnaires from Asfordby and Bottesford respectively.

6. Site Assessment

DJ tabled the latest version of the comparison table. We agreed that an additional column was required for 'Impact on Traffic'. The next NP Group meeting will be devoted to reviewing and finalising the ratings, including any prioritisation of the headings. ML reminded everyone of the opportunity to respond to the consultation on the draft 2016 SHLAA.

Actions: DJ to update the table for review at the next meeting and ML to circulate. MM to request information under FOI from Severn Trent regarding water service failures, also from SITA and the Environment Agency regarding control of contamination from Bescaby Lane landfill site. ML to coordinate a PC/NPG response to the 2016 SHLAA consultation, partly based on the draft table (subsequently done).

7. Current planning applications

Davidsons' interest in developing the Bescaby Lane site was still very much alive, contrary to previous information.

8. Current Consultation with young people

Consultation sessions are to be held with the school, cubs and scout groups in June before the holidays.

Actions: RQ to organise with CB and JM. MM to propose suitable questions for ages 4-11 and 11-16. JHa to drum up interest amongst young people at the village shop. RQ to design a poster to assist her.

9. Housing design.

Responses to the consultation sessions reinforced the need to consider design as part of the NP.

Action: ML to contact JHo to initiate work on this subject. GR also offered to ask architect Alan Mulcahy to assist.

10. Draft Neighbourhood Plan

We agreed that professional help would be needed to review the policies.

Action: ML to approach alternative consultants to establish offering and costs.

11. Project Plan

The project plan had been updated for the consultation sessions but without any target dates. Update of the plan was dependent upon the decision on a parish survey.

Action: ML to update the overall Project Plan following a decision on a survey.

12. Finances

ML reported that spending to date was still low (about £1,500).

Next meeting: Wednesday 25 May at 19:00 at Waltham Village Hall.