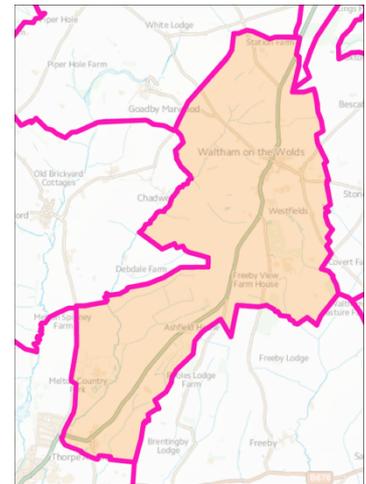


WALTHAM ON THE WOLDS AND THORPE ARNOLD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP

MEETING NOTES: WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE 2016 WALTHAM VILLAGE HALL

Attendees

Claudine Baxter (CB)	David Jefferson (DJ)
Jayne Haynes (JHa)	Gary Kirk (GK)
Cllr Martin Lusty (ML) - Secretary	Cllr Malcolm Mills (MM)
Rachel Quine (RQ)	Glena Rowlands (GR)
Steve Ware (SW) - Chair	



Apologies

James Houghton (JHo)	David Hill (DH)
Cllr David Lovegrove (DL)	

Copies to:

NP Group members, PC website, Gary Kirk, YourLocale and James Beverley, MBC

1. Notes from the last meeting

No requested changes.

2. Consultancy Support

We welcomed Gary Kirk of YourLocale now that the Exec Group and the Parish Council have approved in principle that he should provide support to the NP work. GK had already read our main documents and the aim at this meeting was to introduce him to the Group and understand the support he can provide. We also discussed how we could work together.

GK suggested that two associates in particular could help us: John Martin is a Geologist and specialist in environmental issues; Derek Doran specialises in housing, particularly housing mix and types. They will attend the next meeting if available.

Statutory consultees, including Natural England and Historic England, will need to be consulted. GK will advise on the process that must be formalised at the Regulation 14 consultation stage.

Action: GK to provide a suggested programme and menu of fees plus a template as a basis for writing our draft plan.

3. Public Consultation Meetings

The final report on the April consultation sessions, plus full list of responses, has been published on the Parish Council website (in the News section). We believe that the results give an excellent reading on the major issues and there is no need for a further survey at this stage. Informal consultation sessions are suggested on the pre-submission draft NP. This approach is supported by JB and GK. MM has completed a survey with the Scouts and is current surveying his son's peer group.

Action: MM to formally report on these youth surveys (RQ will assist).

4. Site Assessment

DJ tabled the latest version of the comparison table for potential sites in Waltham and Thorpe Arnold. We also agreed the draft aims for development in the Parish, namely:

- Attract new developments that enhance the look and feel of our surroundings and complement our culture and heritage.
- Preserve our rural character, characterised by easy access to green spaces and open countryside.
- Mitigate the impact of development on traffic, flooding and infrastructure.
- Support thriving village amenities for all ages and social groups.

We also liked the idea of 'Limits to Development' based on the following criteria:

- Preservation of green space in and around the village; maintaining the open feel and easy access to the countryside that people value so much.
- Preventing development at the village fringes in areas with high-to-medium sensitivity (i.e. preserving the views of the village as part of the landscape and maintaining the important panoramas outwards from the village).
- Avoiding sprawl i.e. keeping development within easy access by foot or bicycle to the village amenities.

Action: ML to finalise the table and proposed 'Limit to Development'. MM to chase Severn Trent, SITA and the Environment Agency as no replies have been received to his original enquiries.

5. Housing Design

The housing design group (DH, JHo and GR) had not yet met. Training was available from MBC.

Action: ML to circulate information on the training (subsequently done and booked by GR)

6. Rural Housing Needs

NPG members have distributed a Housing Needs Survey for Midlands Rural Housing so many thanks to those who helped out. Results will be available after the survey deadline of 15 July.

7. Current planning applications

No further information.

9. Project Plan

To be updated following GK's suggested programme (see item 2 above).

10. Next meeting: Monday 11 July at 7pm (ML sent apologies in advance; RQ volunteered to take notes).