

Minutes of Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan 2015 Meeting held at Village Hall Wednesday October 21st

1. Present: Joe Dugdale, Sarah Burkinshaw, Irene Dougan, Nick Delves, Gill Lockett, Rad Neville, Nigel Hallisey, Mac Maclennan, Niamh Goulder, Chris Marsh

2. Apologies: Jan Hall, Nick Lockett, John Blackwall, Maurice Coey.

3. Agenda Alterations

4. Minutes of the last meeting 16 September minutes; Approved with Rad's additions

5. Treasurers Report - Village Hall hire schedule of dates have been clarified and fees paid up to date. Mac will ask all participants in Steering and Working Groups to put in any expenses. The cash book to date stands at £651. Mac to get a printer's quote for the questionnaire 6-8 pages to show planned expenditure of grant.

6. Report from Working Groups.

The Amenities and Natural Environment Working Groups had not met since the last Steering Group meeting of 16th Sep.

The Built Environment Group walked around the settlement boundary on Saturday 19th September. The Built Environment Group familiarised themselves with the boundary and green spaces. If there was to be development where should it be? They agreed in some but not all of the findings in the independent Sensitivity Survey recently published.

There was discussion about how the existence of the independent Sensitivity Survey came to light by chance. The group thought it would have been helpful if Mike Hase Planning Officer had referred to it in his conversation with Rad N. The Sensitivity Survey survey's findings seem to have been adopted by the DDDC. This would mark a change in the previous settlement boundary line.

Joe D had a conversation with Neighbourhood Plan Examiner who said Plans did not need site specific proposals; generic ones were much more helpful. The ones they approve specify say no more than x houses, two storeys high etc to shape the development.

We need to consult with the Conservation Officer/DDDC when drawing up housing development policies to remove areas of contradiction with the Conservation Area Plan.

Pressure for development will come from the within the village not from a developer.

7. Open Event Saturday October 10

Around 100 village residents attended, about 30% of the population. 25 comments were posted.

Visitors studied the data presented. They were not surprised by it. 2 people were pro-development. The rest were cautious about development. People stayed to discuss the findings at length

Comments posted:

3 were on improving and adding to footpaths

4 were about transport / bus links

Some commented on possible rural businesses

The remainder were on the built environment

Joe D said the comments must be typed up verbatim. Niamh G has offered to do this.

The meeting felt that there were no young adults at the event and not many from the three newer housing areas Peats Close, Hardings Close or Buxton Hall Court.

Nigel H said Wirksworth had run events in all the pubs with 'a pint for your thoughts' offer.

Joe D commented that it is the small lanes to Kirk Ireton that make transport links a problem AND make KI unsuitable for development on any scale.

8. The Questionnaire

Joe D on Writing the Plan

In our Plan there will be two types of statements

- **Condition statements** to explain how it was put together
- **Consultation statements** to summarise what we did to get data and where did that lead us to next and after that.

So 1) The questionnaire 2) Results will lead to policies 3) a pre-draft plan and further village consultation

The next task is to devise a questionnaire to circulate around the village in the New Year.

Need questions on size and scale and type of housing - Is it suitable to retire here? Is it good for young families without transport?

Questions on Land availability for business use – what businesses are suitable?

Are there any areas of Special treatment eg footpaths / springs

Layout: Should have tick box options and space for written answers

Questionnaire overall Not to be too long 6-8 sides max

Each Working Group needs to meet to draw up questions based on data from Open Meeting

Niamh G says; there will be duplication across the groups. Questions edited at Steering Group stage.

Rad N says; we may only need say 2 policies in the final report. Need to keep it simple.

Hardings Close was discussed. This was built in the late 1980's as affordable housing for local families. Many of the properties were not taken by local people and some of the empty properties were subsequently offered to the Guinness Trust who let them to people from Derby.

Joe D says this needs to be captured and included in the final report

DDDC has no remit on transport. It is a county responsibility.

Perhaps the village needs to look at car sharing schemes see Tideswell or a Derbyshire - wide car share scheme

A suggestion to engage people / generate more comment

Have a map in the questionnaire to show sites that are **excluded** by majority of villagers as possible development sites - ask for more opinion

Summary – Joe D

The questionnaire will gather more evidence from the whole population if carefully structured.

It needs to be web accessible / paper alternative.

Use Survey Monkey (free) to frame it on-line

Each working Group to frame questions with this in mind –

What do you want to know from this question which will inform policy ?

Mycommunityrights.org has sections on making these questionnaires

Joe D to send Crich questionnaire (based on Idridgehay Q)

9. Way forward

Niamh G suggested influencing the DDDC Local Plan consultation. There will be lots of public meetings for this but KI will not feature very much here.

We want to be ahead of the Local Plan. There will be landowners here who want to develop. As said before

Development for this village will come from WITHIN the village.

9. Next Steering Group Meeting: Wednesday November 25th 7.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm