

## **Pirton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8 September 2015 in the Village Hall**

Members in attendance: Diane Burleigh(Chair,) Jonty Wild (Deputy Chair,) Lorna Sexton, Nick Parkin, Tom Gammell, Ann Webb, Jill Stuart, Gil Burleigh.

Public Participation: No members of the public attended. Diane Bailey, Chair of the Pirton Parish Council, attended as an Observer

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Michael Goddard

#### **2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no new declarations

#### **3. Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 10 August**

These were approved unanimously after a proposal by LS seconded by TG

#### **4. Matters Arising and Actions Taken (if not on the agenda)**

TG circulated copies of the advice he had received from Alex Munro of Maroon Planning in response to the questions TG had raised with him on our behalf. TG went through the advice briefly. Members are to consider the replies at their own pace. On a brief consideration the SG agreed that the advice was valuable..

#### **5. Draft Neighbourhood Plan Updates**

DB referred to the documents circulated prior to the meeting including Version 2 of the draft policies. The SG made the following points:

The structure is clear; the approach is good, but a copywriter's input would improve the final version and avoid unnecessary repetition; there is a need to incorporate reference where appropriate to the results of the Youth Questionnaire. There was a discussion about maps and photographs to identify places under discussion and to illustrate points. Although the policies as drafted are either those written with the assistance of a planning consultant or are taken from already approved Neighbourhood Plans, the wording needs care to avoid sounding too negative or making the Plan unnecessarily restrictive..

AW informed the meeting that she had sent a copy to our adviser Rachel Hoggart who had made helpful comments on this latter point.

A number of people had photos which may be of use. AW and DB will discuss maps with Clare Skeels of NHDC; JW would like a digital map of Pirton and Pirton Parish to work with.

DB will take over the drafting of Version 3 as a fresh pair of eyes.

## **6. Forward Planning**

The SG recognised the considerable amount of work that is still required. DB and AW will discuss the NHDC's timetable and work back from there.

## **7. Liaison with PPC, NHDC and other bodies**

DB confirmed that she and AW were meeting with Clare Skeeles of the NHDC later in the week. There were no other updates.

## **8. Working Group Reports**

- a. Communications and Website: Nothing to report
- b. Facebook etc: AW reported little change in the number in the Facebook Group
- c. Evidence Base: Nothing to report
- d. Public Consultation: Nothing to report
- e. Community Assets: JW confirmed he was now getting to grips with this
- f. Land ownership, use etc; : Nothing to report
- g. Production of Neighbourhood Plan; see item 5 above

## **9. Finance Report**

TG reported on the estimates he had received for printing and advice. He is now pursuing a further grant application with Locality based on the estimates.

## **10. Latest updates on NHDC Local Plan etc**

DB reported that she and TG had met with the Steering Group for St Paul's Walden Neighbourhood Plan. AW reminded the meeting that the responses to the draft Local Plan were now available on the NHDC website. There were no other updates.

## **11. Date and Time of next meeting**

5 October at 8pm.

## **12. AOB**

There were no items.