

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2015 at The Old Court Hotel

PRESENT G Litson (Chairman) G Hiscox J Dixon A Thomas P Lewis S Borthwick E Heyes

ATTENDING K Shilton (Administration) R Allan I Draycott D Fairbarne P Thomas

APOLOGIES J Herbert S Hughes

1. REVIEW OF THE PARISH PLAN AND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

G Hiscox gave a review of the projects selected to date.

Parish Plan

Community litter pick. The second event will take place 9 August 2015

Tourism Forum. E Heyes organised and chaired the first meeting 8 July 2015

Local Information and Promotion. The Newsletter hand delivered to all Parish residents has resulted in 3 ladies expressing their wish to join the Parish Council.

Community Help / Good Neighbourhood Scheme. This is progressing with S Borthwick and G Liston.

Recycling. P Lewis is investigating this potential scheme.

Neighbourhood Plan

In the short term 2 segments have been agreed from the 5 elements required.

Natural Environment. A Thomas project leader.

Housing. Project leaders to be assigned

General Comments

G Hixcox reported that a main priority for the Neighbourhood Plan progress was to prepare a time scale and expenditure plan in relation to the grant expected of £10000.00.

E Heyes reported on the first meeting of the Tourism Forum which had been attended by some 20 residents. Particular points raised were the riverside walk and traffic / speed issues in the area of the village school.

G Hiscox explained that Parish Council members had recently held a meeting with the Leisure Park and that a work programme had been discussed for the riverside walk to further support and encourage tourism.

S Borthwick reported on the meeting and workshop attended together with G Lison regarding a Good Neighbourhood scheme and proposed that a working group of 3 members of the Parish Council and 3 members of the PCC should be formed and the first meeting held end July 2015.

2. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

A Thomas introduced R Allan I Draycott and D Fairbarne who are assisting with this topic.

R Allan explained the initial research prepared and the information available on the websites particularly website magic.com.uk

Examples of the initial research included

River and surrounding land

Nitrates sensitive zones

Risk of flooding

Ancient trees / Woodland Trust

Land based designations and sites of special scientific interest

Stewardship / Herefordshire Wildlife Trust

Species protection

I Draycott highlighted how parts of our Parish were a special area for wildlife particularly the Doward. This included rare plant species, wild mammals , fish , butterflies, moths and spiders .

3. NEXT MEETING

It was agreed to hold the next meeting in approximately 3 weeks time and G Litson will send out date proposals to all members.

The meeting started at 5.30pm and ended at 7.00pm

Signed

Chairman

Date