

**Minutes Great Glen Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
Meeting, Wednesday 16 December 2014 6:30 pm
At the Parish Office**

Present

Cee Martin
John Martin
Cindy Andrews
Tim Gascoigne
Ann Parrott
Dawn Kirkland
Sue Moriarty
Alison Gibson
Valerie Hawes
Neil Phillips
Gary Kirk, Your Locale
Lesley Sanderson, Clerk to the Council

Apologies

Jane Arthur
Bill Glasper
Sue Parkinson
Simone Gibson
Jenny Ritchie

Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions

The usual introductions were made.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. To approve the minutes and consider any action points arising from meeting on 6th December 2014

The minutes were confirmed as accurate. Proposed by Cindy Andrews and seconded by Tim Gascoigne

Comment was made by Gary Kirk of the work done so far and the progress of Neighbourhood Plan in general.

4. To consider progress in respect of policy options for the Neighbourhood Plan, including any potential new themes such as in relation to transport, parking, important landscapes and preventing communities merging

The distinctive character area map along with the existing Open Spaces map were discussed along with the proposed criteria for Local Green Spaces. The map showing the existing Open Green Spaces and limits to development were discussed and the limits being scrapped by HDC, this was felt could be amended in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Notes from the Emerging Policies

1. There will be a presumption against new development outside the settlement boundaries

Gary agreed to forward the Committee paper produced by North West Leicestershire District Council of this and the for's and against It was agreed to look at the boundary for this and whether it needed to be revised.

2. New development within the defined settlement boundaries will normally be appropriate where it is well designed and is compatible to a residential area

It was suggested that this was reviewed along with the map.

3. All new development should be of a high quality design and respect and contribute to the character of the Parish and in accordance with the approved Village Design Statement.

A discussion took place as to where the supply of development could be and the numbers-. It was felt that the numbers for supply needed to be future proofed by 10/20%. Examples were discussed.

The Village Design statement was questioned and whether it needed updating. Alison, Cee & John volunteered to look at this.

Sites for building to be looked at by Cindy, Tim, Ann and Valerie.

4. Sufficient housing land shall be identified to meet the defined housing target set for the Parish by HDC

Housing assessment needs were questioned. The Housing Needs Assessment along with housing numbers required further discussion.

5. On schemes of more than five dwellings, a mix of dwelling types and sizes to meet the needs of current and future households in the Parish will be required.

The need and types of housing to balance the housing structures was discussed. Issues of sustainability were discussed and the ripple effect with regard to the hairdressers and the Co-op etc. Affordable housing allocation was discussed and the fact that the Neighbourhood planning could apply "Resident criteria."

Gary advised that we needed to look at being innovative and imaginative in the way social housing and affordable housing could be applied.

6. Proposals for the redevelopment or change of use of land or buildings in employment use to non employment uses will not be permitted

Policies that have passed the set tests to be circulated with the intention of protecting a site that is economically viable and to allow sites to be released for housing whilst releasing further sites for employment. The use of land and facilities were discussed along with the class of sites including the Midland handling site that has planning permission for houses currently. (06/01185/FUL & 10/01525/EFT)

7. Proposals for the redevelopment or change of use of buildings in retail use will not be permitted

8. The designated buildings or structures are of significant local historic or architectural interest and will be protected

Dawn to forward sites from the Archaeological sites. VDS to be referred to also.

9. The designated community assets have been identified as being of special community value and any proposals for the redevelopment or change of use will not be permitted

Pubs need to be listed and other sites considered and emailed through to the clerk.

10. The designated community assets have been identified as being of special community value and any proposals for the redevelopment or change of use will not be permitted

Green Spaces had been identified by John Martin, these needed to be ranked in accordance to value/importance. John offered to do this along with helpers.

CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) – have produced a document on how to protect the countryside. This is their vision for the countryside, which goes through national planning policy and identifies where it is linked to countryside protection.

Gary to send details to Clerk.

11. The designated community assets have been identified as being of special community value and any proposals for the redevelopment or change of use will not be permitted

Trees and gardens discussed.

13. Support will be given to proposals which would increase or improve the network of cycleway, footways and footpaths and existing ones will be protected

14. Other policy options to be discussed further:

Transport

Protection of landscape (area to the east of the parish has special designation)

Preventing merger of communities

5. Any other business

6. To confirm date of next meeting – **TUESDAY 17th February At 6.30pm in The Parish Office.**

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.