

Minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Meeting of 21 August 2018

Present

Cee Martin
Cindy Andrews
Bill Glasper
John Martin
Ann Parrott
Mick Burton
Valerie Hawes
Gary Kirk – YourLocale
Paul Green
Sue Moriarty
Clerk to the Council – Lesley Sanderson

Apologies

Jonny Grudgings
Adrian Hessey
Tim Gascoigne
Jo O'Neill

1. Welcomes and apologies

Bill Glasper welcomed everyone and took the apologies.

2. Minutes of meeting held on 16 July 2018

The minutes of the meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record.

3. Work streams – update

a. Overall document

This has been updated with housing numbers. Gary Kirk and Bill Glasper had referenced the crematorium. A discussion took place of the use of the SHLAA site on the Oadby boundary for a Park and Ride. Several members of the group thought that this would encourage further development on the green wedge between Great Glen and Oadby. It was decided that the area of separation should be retained as open countryside and any changes there are minor.

Changes to the plan should be minor to go to HDC then they may even go through without a referendum. Changes still to be made still to the plan and these would be done, sent to the clerk for circulation to the group.

b. Environment

Six teams had analysed the sites on the map and the results had been received back by Cee Martin. These would be typed up that week to go to John Martin. The deadline for the environmental maps was Friday 25th August.

Evidence obtained from the surveys will add robustness to the previous surveys.

Maps to be forwarded to the committee. The areas of separation list and maps. Landscape character areas, in particular the area between the Church and bypass where important Ridge and Furrow should be preserved along with the historic landscape.

The Local Green Spaces Map.

The Green spaces identified by HDC.

Important Open Spaces where there is no change.

The Wildlife corridor, it was hoped that that could be reinserted.

The grassed area by the crematorium

Views and sky lines, it was hoped would be a new policy, but it would have to cover public views only, private views cannot be protected.

Biodiversity corridors- it had been realised that there are lots of bats in Great Glen. It could be mapped where they were living but TPO's should be considered.

Liaison Groups to be encouraged between community action groups, the developers and possibly the planners to understand the build programme planning conditions met as it was felt that they were not fully monitored at present this could also help protect such things as bats and hedgehogs,

c. Housing

All sites had been reviewed by the Your Locale representative. The housing numbers requirements have been exceeded. The situation with the HDC's housing land supply was discussed and 5 years supply. It was felt that if a site was identified for housing it would further protect our housing as long as HDC maintained its 3-year land supply. This would afford greater protection from developers.

The top two sites are the plot north of Glenn House suitable for up to 10 houses and Sycamore Farm extension site between 27 and 35 houses. It was favoured the site north of Glenn House as it had scored the highest but the group would, it was felt need to meet with the land owner.

Limits to development were discussed and it was proposed that this was looked into before the Wheel Barrow Race.

Important hedgerows should be protected and was discussed. It was agreed that the mapping of hedgerows would afford greater protection than providing just a general policy.

d. Timescales/programme

A set of draft policies were to be ready for the Wheel Barrow Race and by the end of September the group should have the draft plan to go forward to pre-submission consultation.

Wheelbarrow race consultation event – arrangements

Display boards would highlight why and what has changed and housing. Limited to key issues only. Also policies that we are changing.

4. Future meetings

Date of next meeting Tuesday 2nd October at 6.30pm

The meeting close at 7.45pm