

**Meeting notes from  
Maidwell With Draughton Parish Council  
Neighbourhood Planning Steering Committee  
On 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017, at 7.30pm  
At Bosworth Farmhouse, Draughton**

Present:

Alan Wagstaff

Fabienne Fraser-Allen (Ward Councillor)

Keith Stanton

Nich Wilson

Paul Sanders-Hewett

Paul Turland (Chair)

Penny Munro (Parish Councillor)

Pete Redman (Secretary)

Stefano Nuvoloni

Terry Mortimer

Andy Clarke

Martin Field

**1. Introductions and apologies**

Apologies were received from Robert Lankester. Stefano Nuvoloni pointed out that he had given apologies and was not present at the last meeting.

**2. Governance Chair and Secretary appointments, Declarations of Interest)**

All steering committee members have now completed the register of interests.

**3. Notes of the last meeting**

The notes of the 12<sup>th</sup> September meeting were agreed as a correct record. All matters arising are on the main agenda.

**4. "Gathering Views" survey**

Nearly 100 returns had been received and a few more still need to be collated. The Committee felt that this was a respectable rate of return.

Nich Wilson summarised the responses he had collated so far. First of all he reported that most respondents had been over the age of 35, from Maidwell, and that almost 90% were aware of the Neighbourhood Plan preparation.

The results of the questions seeking a priority score were:

<b>Rank</b>		<b>Score</b>
1	Ensuring any development is appropriate in setting and character (Qu9)	484
2	Upholding the Character of the village (Qu1)	483
3	Ensuring growth in housing numbers is modest and in keeping with past trends (Qu10)	451
4	Increasing the amount of accessible green and open spaces (Qu2)	400
5	Introduce A508 road calming and safe pedestrian crossing (Qu3)	389
6	Having improved facilities for younger people (Qu6)	383
7	Encouraging younger households with families to live in the villages (Qu7)	376
8	Calming our village lanes (Qu4)	361
9	Development for rural business within the confines of the villages (Qu11)	352
10	Suitable housing for older persons to downsize (Qu8)	349
11	Parking for Maidwell Primary School (Qu5)	347

There are a very large number of written answers which needed to be transcribed verbatim, and then analysed.

The Committee thanked Nich for the excellent work he had done.

The following actions were agreed:

- A. Check with some respondents that they had ordered their priorities with the numbers they intended. Some looked to be in the wrong order when compared with their written answers. PR and NW
- B. Type in text of the written answers. KS, FF-A, PM
- C. Analysis of the written answers. PT
- D. Audit/second pair of eyes on the collated results. SN
- E. Leaflet with summary results to all households. PR content, KS layout.

#### **5. Preview of topic headings**

#### **6. Agree a lead for drafting each heading**

It was agreed that we should wait until we had the full analysis of the results to guide us in drafting the plan.

#### **7. Landscape Character Assessment**

It was agreed that we would not commission a Landscape Character Assessment for the Parish area, because:

- 1) There were no resources readily available for this
- 2) The County and Districts are revising the existing assessments
- 3) It was not clear whether one at a Parish level would add to these
- 4) It might delay our NP timetable.

#### **8. Project Plan and Grant**

We discussed the likely timetable to get to pre-submission stage. It was clear that this would not be before the 31<sup>st</sup> December grant condition. PR will discuss with AC

and MF a revised and more realistic timetable and then write to MyCommunity/Groundwork to seek an extension.

## **9. Any other business**

Andy Clarke recommended that a meeting be set up with DDC to find out about their timetable for various inputs we need (Housing Needs Survey results, Local Plan draft and consultation). AC will make the arrangements.

Robert Lankester had emailed Steering Committee members hoping that the Committee would give support to the Maidwell Hall proposals for two houses in the yard near St. Mary's. This prompted a discussion.

We concluded that the Steering Committee could not be seen to support or oppose the forthcoming planning application. Our role as a Steering Committee was to make sure the wider views of residents were fairly represented in the draft plan. We are stewards of these views, and should not be promoting our own views as Steering Committee members.

We also felt that a Steering Committee member should step aside from the Committee while they are part of a current planning application for development. It is important that the work of the Committee should not be perceived by residents as being party to any application.

Paul Turland agreed to write to Robert Lankester.

## **10. Date of next meeting is 7<sup>th</sup> November at Bosworth Farmhouse and it was agreed to start at 8pm as Fabienne Fraser-Allen would not be available earlier. NB this has since changed.at 7.30pm venue to be agreed.**

The meeting ended at 9.25pm