

**Meeting notes from
Maidwell With Draughton Parish Council
Neighbourhood Planning Steering Committee
on
18th July 2017, at 7.30pm
At The Old Rectory, Draughton Road, Maidwell**

1. Introductions and apologies

Apologies were received from Fabienne Fraser-Allen, Robert Lankester, Stefano Nuvoloni, and Keith Stanton.

Andy Clarke of One A Planning was welcomed to the meeting.

2. Governance Chair and Secretary appointments, Declarations of Interest

Paul T reminded everyone of the importance of completing the Register of Interests; all those present completed their forms.

It was noted that Dawn Wright had stepped down from the Committee because of time commitments; she would like to be kept on the circulation list.

3. Notes of the last meeting

This were agreed as a correct record. All matters arising are on the main agenda.

4. Award of Grant

The Steering Committee were pleased to note the success in obtaining the grant. Pete and Penny will liaise with the Parish Council on formal acceptance of the terms and conditions. The grant of £5,800 will take us up to the consultation on the pre-submission stage, and there is a good possibility that we can apply again for the final stages.

5. "Gathering Views" survey

We discussed the first draft of the survey. We agreed that this should be for all residents including children but not for the pupils of the schools. The covering letter should also mention the feedback we got from the exhibition on the village confines. And make it clear that whilst people may comment on any range of wishes or concerns we would only take planning matters into account for the NP and forward any other matters to the relevant authorities. It was agreed that a longer period for the survey was needed because of the holiday period.

It was agreed that we would prepare a list of all the businesses in the Parish but that would not include home-working.

A question should be added about ages (by bands) of respondents.

As this survey is such an important part of the process for the NP it was agreed that Committee members would have some more time to think about the questions.

There was general support for making it a hard-copy paper survey, but Pete will continue to explore what is possible to add to the Parish website.

It was suggested that a residents' meeting either just before the closing date to encourage responses, or just after to share results, might be worthwhile. We will discuss this again at a later Committee meeting.

Housing Needs Survey by Daventry DC

Everyone agreed that we should avoid having two different surveys happening at the same time, unless they can be combined in some way. Pete will ask DDC for the questions they intend to ask.

6. Refining the draft Vision and Objectives

Nich had summarised and grouped the various objectives from other local made plans. There was general support for preparing for six section headings:

1. To maintain and develop housing opportunities for people from a range of life stages and socio-economic circumstances that are designed to be in keeping with the existing built form and are of high quality construction
2. To protect the landscape and heritage of the two parishes
3. To encourage improvements in road safety, traffic management and public transport
4. To protect and enhance the green spaces of value to the community
5. To protect and enhance recreation, education and other community facilities
6. To provide new community facilities and support existing community facilities to address identified needs of the community

We would need to see the results of the survey to make sure that these covered the items that residents' raise.

Penny and Stefano had drafted a vision:

TO ENSURE THE FUTURE VIBRANCY OF THE MAIDWELL AND DRAUGHTON COMMUNITIES THROUGH MODEST AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT THAT ENHANCES AND ENLIVENS VILLAGE LIFE WHILST RESPECTING THE DISTINCTIVE RURAL CHARACTER OF EACH VILLAGE.

This was well received and members liked the emphasise on the positive. We will use this for the first draft plan and get residents' feedback during the pre-submission consultation.

7. Communications and links with groups and organisations

We drew up a list of groups and organisations that we should meet during the drafting of the NP:

Maidwell Primary and pupils – Penny will link with Rosemary
Draughton PCC
Maidwell PCC
Maidwell Hall and pupils – Pete will link with Robert
Loder Hall team
Maidwell coffee morning

And we should ask Fabienne about any Draughton groups we might have missed.

We should get a notice about our NP work on the Parish Noticeboards – Pete.

We should get an entry into the September Parish Magazine, if only to remind people to return the questionnaires.

Pete will make contact with Justin who set up the Parish website to see what would be involved to add a page (and link documents such as our minutes).

8. Open Space and School Parking idea

Terry reported that he had asked William Rice to contact Merton College so that we could sound them out about our initial ideas. We had a brief discussion about preparing options for the land between Draughton Road and Harborough Road, and the possibilities for raising separate funds for an assessment. This was potentially a project for the community that would “have a life” beyond the preparation of a neighbourhood plan. Terry will report back when he has had a response.

9. Items for the next agenda

Members were keen to see the concise version of a Neighbourhood Plan prepared for Rearsby, Leicestershire. Andy Clarke said he would present this but could not make the August meeting. We will add this to the September meeting agenda.

10. There was no other business

11. Date of next meeting is 15th August at 7.30pm at Bosworth Farmhouse, Draughton.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm