

**Barrowden and Wakerley
Neighbourhood Plan Meeting 18
7.30pm Monday 9th January 2017
at 8 Church Lane, Barrowden**

Present: Chris Barrett, Sara Barrett, Gordon Brown, Stephen Last (facilitator), Colin Dunigan Rut CC Neighbourhood Planner, Mike Griffiths, Trina Griffiths, Jean Mitchell and John Merritt

1. Apologies: Chris Emmett, John Haddon, Richard Littlejohns, Diana MacDuff, David Allan, Alison Last.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting 21st November 2016:

- circulated, read and approved by the Group as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters arising from previous meeting not covered in the agenda:

- The Peterborough to Rugby railway which passes through the parishes of Barrowden and Wakerley has several parts of it in private ownership. Missing bridges can be overcome with new footpaths. MG to help and confirmed support from the N/Plan Group.
- Emma Bettles has stepped down from the N/Plan Group due to family reasons. SL will send a reply to her email.
- RutCC toolkit for N/Plan Groups will be available later this month.

4. Discuss Issues and Options Paper by CB and Decide Consultation Process

- CB produced and circulated a first draft on Housing Development addressing Allocate and Windfall Options.
- Challenge is to communicate the information to villagers in a clear but user friendly way. The need for the Group is evidence that sound attempts have been made.
- Discussion confirmed that the content on Housing should include Windfall or Allocation, and Article 4 Area (no permitted development) e.g. Village Green Area/Church Lane versus Permitted Development Rights for non listed buildings.
- Evidence gathered shows that Social Housing needs are low, starter homes and downsizing (more requirement detail required), extension of conservation area in Wakerley were not considered as issue and option subjects.
- Transport considered to be Community Aspirations.
- Completion of draft of Issues and Options Flyer including Article 4 to be carried out by CB assisted by JM and TG. This would be discussed at the next meeting.
- Communication on the Consultation Process would use the Parish Magazine (SL to draft a piece for the February edition), village email using same words (SL to activate during February), N/Plan website and flyer to each household with a tear off strip. Repeat activity for P/Magazine, Village email and website in March. Timing for the

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- distribution/collection of Flyer yet to be agreed - analysis of tear off strips also to be agreed.
- Meeting agreed that we should try the villager consultation in the first two weeks in March and SL agreed to proceed to book dates with the Village Hall. As per the previous consultation process there should be a pm and an am slot.

5. Propose the Appointment of Mike Haybyrne as Review Consultant subject to Funds :

- GB gave a report on the tender review process and subsequent meeting with MH who best met the written and financial criteria. Following the meeting it was felt that Mike was a thorough and well prepared individual who met our needs and in addition lived reasonably nearby in Northamptonshire.
- The Group endorsed his appointment subject to grant funds being available.

6. Application for Grant:

- GB offered to prepare the grant application and would liaise with RL. The grant would cover MH costs and also funding for the Villager Consultations in March.

7. Consider Colin Dunigan's email on Open Spaces:

- Should we reconfirm our list ?
- Basically RutCC are carrying out a new evaluation of Local Green Spaces. This process will take into account new guidelines. What are the new guidelines ?
- Discussion and concern expressed that there was a danger and a potential loss of legal validity.
- There is a problem in Langham as they have not taken into account the new guidelines.
- Further comment that there may be a return to the need for a Landscape Character Assessment for Barrowden.
- Decided that it could be high risk to leave it with RutCC but a meeting with Shaza may be useful.
- We should put a section on IOS etc in our N/Plan

8. Responses from Stakeholders:

- At this time there are two meetings to confirm - Pridmore and Tyler. SL will progress times and dates.
- After reading through the report from Brian Edwards the N/Plan Group all agreed that this important project would be best served by the BPC due to matters of charity land legalities and fund raising.

9. Next Steps on Draft Plan:

- No real progress can be made until MH has been appointed, reviewed the document, and then commented on its content.
- After discussion it was agreed that GB and MG should meet with Shaza at RutCC to clarify matters and the way forward with IOS etc.

10. Financial Update

- No further spend activity to report

11. Any Other Business

- GB to obtain a copy of RutCC Strategic Policies from CD

12. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

- Subject to availability February 6th 2017 at the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.
SL will contact Village Hall Bookings.