

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2018
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM (HANKELow METHODIST CHURCH)**

PRESENT: John Durrant Chairman
Parish Councillors: Colin Ainley, Gin Foster, I Jones and A Lee
Non-Parish Councillors: Alan Draper, Sarah Parker and J Whitehead
APOLOGIES: Derek Smith

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Gin Foster declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the agenda item Call for Sites, on the basis that she was part-owner of a site submitted.

No other declarations were made.

2 MINUTES – 12 DECEMBER 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2017 were accepted as a correct record.

3 MATTERS ARISING

a) Gin Foster questioned whether John Durrant as Chairman and scribe was overloaded. It was agreed to put the question of a Vice-Chair on the next meeting's agenda.

The Chair thanked Gin Foster for her work as Chair of the Steering Group.

b) John Durrant and Alan Draper reported on feedback from two younger interested parishioners. They were broadly supportive of the current draft of the Plan.

4 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

a) Derek Smith had officially resigned from the group. John Whitehead, as secretary would write to thank him for his participation.

b) Janet Clowes (Cheshire East Borough Councillor) had been in touch following the sub-group's meeting with representatives of the Wybunbury district parishes.

5 MEETING WITH NEIGHBOURING COUNCILS

The Green Gap issue was raised. This concerned Hankelow's boundary with Hatherton; otherwise Hankelow had Green Gap protection through the wildlife corridors.

Tony Lee suggested contacting neighbouring councils for comment at the pre-draft stage.

6 a) ADVICE FROM TOM EVANS (CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL)

John Durrant had emailed to members a resume of the discussion with CEC's Tom Evans at Crewe on 17 January 2018. The meeting favoured option 4: holding a pre-referendum consultation much as previously planned.

Tony Lee pointed out that after being 'made' NP policies could be subtracted but not added.

b) SECOND CONSULTATION

a) Agreed that a printed coloured brochure should go out to residents, along the lines of the Stapeley NP brochure. Sarah Parker undertook to prepare a draft for the next meeting. She urged that overall it would be better to include a statement in the brochure on behalf of the Methodist Church.

b) The brochure would be preceded by a flyer alerting residents to the brochure.

c) Tony Lee indicated that a questionnaire return rate worked best if the parish was divided into sections, with a team member responsible for delivery and collection in each section.

d) John Whitehead urged the importance of a 'face-to-face' meeting with church representatives.

Agreed that John Durrant, as Chair, plus two others (Ian Jones and Colin Ainley) arrange to meet Rev. Gary Wendon, the Minister, and Roger Millns, Property Manager, to clarify the current position of the Methodist Church.

8 CALL FOR SITES EXERCISE

a) Sites respondents should have received an acknowledgement from the PC Clerk. Gin Foster to confirm with Carol Jones.

b) The merits and possible risks involved in three specific site proposals which were allowable by the prescribed guidelines were discussed.

Agreed that the three landowners be invited to supply further details of their proposals to guide the consultation suggested for March. Replies required by 27 February 2018.

c) John Durrant to proceed with his draft Call for Sites SG response, to be discussed at the next meeting.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) NP material on the Hankelow website needs re-working. Colin Ainley agreed to address this, noting the Buerton model, and including statistics.

b) Alan Draper to prepare the flyer for residents.

c) Taking Tom Evans' advice, the group agreed to approach AECOM/Locality; possible grant etc. to be arranged with PC clerk.

d) Colin to write to Janet Clowes (Wybunbury district) re Ecological Survey, to pass information to Cheshire Wildlife Trust.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 27 February 2018 - 7.00 p.m. In the Community Room.

Ian Jones to confirm the booking with Val Morrey.

Tony Lee said that the Group should not pay for having a PC Committee meeting. This time, £10 to be paid as before. The payment to be discussed at the next meeting.