

Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

MINUTES OF A MEETING

held on Monday 18th May 2020 at 7:00pm

via Teams (online)

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Present: David Burn (Chairman), Alison Wakeham (Burstons & Shimpling); Eric Taylor & Simon Olander (Diss), Neil Weston (Palgrave), Roger Broughton (Brome & Oakley), Graham Moore (Scole), Paul Curson & Jane Jennifer (Roydon); Steve Leigh (Stuston); Dave Poulter (Working Group Lead); Stephanie Ayden (Project Officer); Louise Cornell & Mark Thompson (CCP Consultancy).

NOTE: This was the first time the group had met online, and some members were on audio only for some of the meeting. The Chair joined the meeting at 8pm due to technical difficulties.

1. Apologies for absence

Received from: Sharon Cousins-Clarke (Palgrave); Ursula Halton (Brome & Oakley); Dola Ward (Scole); Roger Greenacre (Stuston)

2. CCP update

Two key issues were discussed:

- Whether to allocate sites in the neighbourhood plan
- Work undertaken by the working groups and next steps for community consultation

Following discussion, it was agreed that the NP would look to allocate. The majority of growth is required in Diss (and Roydon), up to 400 homes. Two sites are preferred in the GNLP, one of which for 200 is the former Frontier Agriculture site which does not have strong community support. There was also discussion about the benefits of allocating, one of which being the additional protection it affords the whole NP area in terms of speculative development.

Mark & Louise agreed to speak with South Norfolk Council, asking them to confirm indicative housing numbers for each community and timescales. The intention to allocate will be confirmed with the GNNDP.

Excellent work has been undertaken by the working group, led by Dave Poulter. Louise is collating this currently and will write a report for each parish council to discuss in June. This will highlight all of the important views, local green spaces, non-designated heritage assets and walking and cycling links identified by the working group. The parish councils will be asked to approve/identify any gaps in these prior to public consultation in July/August. Each member of the steering group agreed to notify Steph of their parish council meeting date in June, reports will be provided a week in advance.

DB was concerned to make members aware that if sites were allocated in a parish to potentially achieve housing numbers beyond those required in the Local Plan, it would afford some protection against speculative development elsewhere. NW's understanding was that if a parish had met its required number of dwellings, further development could not be imposed on it. MT largely confirmed DB's assessment and interestingly added that protection afforded by over-allocation in one participating parish would extend over the whole of the NP area.

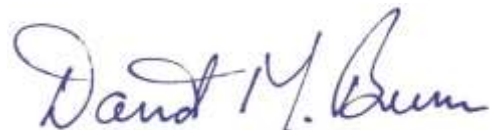
3. New SG Terms of Reference

This is the work of Graham and Paul, who were asked to review the original 'Governance' document in order to create a more user-friendly version with which to guide the SG's function. It is a 'living' document that will be corrected or updated whenever necessary. Before it can appear in the public domain, however, it must first be approved by an all-parish vote of the SG; this is the final circulation to enable members to prepare their comments and any revisions before the vote is taken at the 20th July SG virtual meeting.

Please also take the opportunity between now and then to elicit comments from your parish council if you feel you need its opinion and guidance

End of meeting (closed at 9:00pm)

Next regular meeting 15th June 2020



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