

Turvey Neighbourhood Plan

Steering Group meeting notes 8th November 2017

Present: Tony Smith, Russell de Ville, Stuart Lucas, Hazel Morgan, Jon Arrenberg, Paul Jenkins

1. Apologies - Katherine Partridge, Andy Richmond, Brian Morgan

2. Notes of meeting held on 27th September 2017 - agreed for accuracy

3. Matters arising

3.1 Item 3.1 - Venue and status of SG meetings

- Tony has booked the room and put dates on the notice board for the next 12 months.

3.2 Item 3.5 - Survey responses to Parish Council

- Further responses received from people attending Apple Pressing Day up to about 60 now

3.3 Item 9 - Apple Pressing Day

- Hazel & Brian thanked for assembling material for a display at this event. The event was very well attended and it was a good opportunity to maintain awareness and interest in the plan amongst residents.

4. Finance

4.1 Russell has been in touch with Locality to have further discussion about the grant application process and the future of the funding programme beyond 31/3/18

4.2 Locality advised that as per DCLG press release it is fairly certain that the programme will be extended for a further 3 years from 1/4/18 but the exact nature of the programme and the level of funding available will not become clear until public spending intentions are clarified post budget into the New Year.

4.3 The current strategy is to appoint a consultant, agree the first phase of work up to 31/3/18 and then submit an application based on an agreed budget where the major cost item will be for consultancy services. It will be important to make as much progress as possible in this period and make use of the consultancy support to achieve substantial progress.

Action: Russell to submit grant application in consultation with Paul once a consultant has been appointed and the amount of consultancy support services has been agreed for the period to 31/3/18.

5. Plan Development - Draft Neighbourhood Plan

5.1 Brian had circulated a draft plan based on a development of the outline discussed at the last meeting. The contents page sets out the way a plan could be structured.

5.2 The draft included a further development of the Aims & Goals to create a Vision statement and a set of objectives for each theme.

5.3 Brian also drafted a policy section which included reference to the Council's management guidelines as set out in the Council's Landscape Sensitivity Study.

5.4 The content is purely illustrative at this stage but was seen as helpful to Steering Group Members in terms of being able to visualise what a plan for Turvey could look like. It will be necessary to focus on developing the evidence base with the benefit of consultant input in order to develop policy areas in a more detailed manner.

5.5 It could be useful to start drafting sections on heritage, landscape and biodiversity in terms of providing a stock take of village assets. Andy is interested in heritage and the newly formed History Society may be willing to help to develop a section on heritage. Paul is interested in developing a section on landscape drawing on the Council's assessments

and studies that include useful information on Turvey. A resident living on the Green has expressed an interest in looking at local biodiversity.

***Action: Please circulate any further comments on the draft plan structure.
Paul to discuss options to start drafting content on heritage, landscape and biodiversity with interested parties***

6. Landowner/agent engagement

- 6.1 Stuart, Andy and Paul met with agents/landowners for all sites submitted to the Council in the call for sites process except for Meadow House where no response was received from the agent. Also met with BPHA and with property owners at Bamfords Yard.
- 6.2 The purpose of the meetings was to open up a dialogue with agents/landowners and to encourage them to keep us informed of any development plans.
- 6.3 Agents were all very positive about having this opportunity and were willing to share initial ideas about potential development.

7. Consultancy Support

- 7.1 Russell, Tony and Paul have received a number of proposals from consultancy organisations that expressed an interest in providing consultancy services to support the development of our plan. A short list of three organisations has been drawn up and companies invited to meet us on 20th and 22nd November so that a final selection can be made.
- 7.2 It was agreed that the sub group could go ahead and make a selection as long as they are able to reach a unanimous conclusion about who should be offered the role.

Action: Russell, Paul, Tony to progress consultant selection

8. Meeting of Parish Council representatives with the Mayor regarding Local Plan proposals for new settlements in North Bedford

- 8.1 Tony reported back on the meeting he attended where Parish Councils met the Mayor to express concern about the impact of the new settlement proposals in the Local Plan for the north of the Borough.

9. Date of next meeting - 10th January 2018 @ 7.30 pm Boys Club Room, Village Hall