

Present: Leon Wolverson; David Richards, Tim Coleman; Astrid Mick

Apologies: Erika Lyons

1. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st November 2014 were agreed.
2. Herefordshire County Council's SEA (strategic environment assessment) was discussed, the SEA summary and noted there may be issues and reports to add and even issues we are not aware of at this point in time.
3. Grants: It was thought that we cannot rely on P.C. money for the N.D.P. project It was agreed that we are a small parish and have not much funding, so we need to keep things simple and try to do as much as we can ourselves
4. Tim brought up the matter of local transport, which he felt was not dealt with clearly at the last Parish Council meeting. He feels – and this was agreed by the rest – that the N. P. should include mention of the potential new housing's impact on traffic (more houses/more environmental impact) and the fact that local transport evaluation has possibly not been properly addressed in the HCC SEA assessment

Leon felt that this is a matter of adhering to a fine line, keeping things simple in the N.P. but transport issue definitely needed in the N.D.P. without “going off at a tangent”.

It was agreed that transport questions should appear in any questionnaire.

5. The Breinton parish's N.P. was discussed particularly the similarities and the issues that are not relevant to our Parish.
We need to find out what local people here think is appropriate, so the issues need to come from the parishioners. It was felt that the questionnaire should have more ‘open’ questions, rather than ones requiring a ‘yes’ or ‘no’ answer.
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6. Returning to the issue of grants we agreed that Tim would explore the new grants available from April for £8k and report back. seemed to fit in better with our timing (end of period: 6 months after April).

7. We briefly discussed the website page for the N.D.P. and agreed to add our contact details, in case people needed to ask questions. (Leon had prepared on his laptop pages to be used as part of an open day presentation. Astrid would check and comment.
8. We discussed the P.C. meeting planned for 13th January with Kirkwells (Louise) present. Louise had suggested a presentation, but it was thought this would take too much time, and it would be more productive to ask her questions. Astrid was asked to prepare copies of a list of questions we compiled (distributed separately).
9. The conversation then reverted to the matter of 'the village envelope' and the HCC's term 'village settlement boundary', and the strong need to clarify this, as this would have a direct bearing on the numbers of new houses to be built before 2031. Peter Rowland had stated there existed no definitive plan of a 'village envelope'. The question was whether the village settlement boundary (**vsb**) would take into account settlements outside of the village envelope? Has one got to define where in the village building/development should be allowed? David suggested looking at the Planning website list of houses built since 2011. We realize we need a proper *definition* of the '**vsb**'. What do the terms RA1 and RA2 refer to exactly? David and Tim said they would contact people they know who might have answers.

At the end of the meeting it was decided to meet again fairly soon after the P.C. meeting, so we decided on **NEXT N.P. STEERING MEETING 19 January 7pm.**