

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Wednesday 19th January 2022 at 6.30pm
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Minutes

There were present: Joyce Moseley (in the Chair), Keith Greenberg, Charlotte Slater, Anne Fleming, Jill Reece, and Phillippa Welby (secretary).

Also attending: Nick Rees (Town Clerk), Cllrs R Lewis, D Wollweber and P Dutton.

1. Apologies - EH
2. Minutes and Matters Arising from the 17th November 2021- These were agreed.
3. Referendum – There was a discussion on how to keep the Neighbourhood Plan relevant and in people’s minds until the referendum and how to demonstrate the positives for the town in the Plan and deal with possible misconceptions also. One of which is that the We Made That town centre report is not the entire Plan and is only a list of possible projects that the Town Council might wish to consider for the future. A positive offensive is needed to highlight how the NP can help Halesworth. There were plenty of suggestions on how to keep the plan relevant.
 - Large article in the HCN, HTC website, Facebook explaining where the process had got to
 - An addition to the HTC monthly article in the HCN.
 - Different posters in the noticeboard in the Thoroughfare drawing people’s attention to different parts on the plan and then link these posters with the piece in the HCN.
 - Possible video interviews with various Cllrs regarding aspects of the NP for the website and Facebook.One of the easiest and clearest messages to get across was that Halesworth would have access to more CIL from developers once an agreed NP was in place. A simple advertising campaign with a hook to draw people’s attention to the positive impact that having an agreed NP is needed. This will be further within the group.
4. Consultation Statement – JM and CS are working with a huge amount of information to draft the consultation statement. This has to demonstrate the different ways NPSG have consulted and built the evidence behind the objectives. There are some formatting issues within the document and PW will try to correct these. JM and CS are working on a schedule of all the regulation 14 detailed representations received and writing responses. A first draft should be finished by the end of the week but then has to be discussed with the consultant as to what should lead to changes to the Plan. It is a much longer process than first envisaged but we should meet the February deadline. The statement will be made public During the Regulation 16 consultations ESC will only contact those people who left contact details in the regulation 14 responses.
5. Plan Revision – This will come out of the regulation 14 responses received and discussion with the Navigus consultant. A few wording changes and typos to be amended. KG to clarify boundaries on the Nature Reserve project map.
6. Communications – This has been covered under item 3. PW to confirm HCN deadlines. Communication strategy to be top of the next agenda.

7. Education Report – On the 10th January CS and KG met with Asset Education, Seckford Education Trust and SCC. SCC are confident that their calculations are correct and that even with the developments planned for the area, Bungay High School has enough capacity. However, they are prepared to take on local knowledge. They have suggested involving Ben Woolnough from ESC and Angelo Goduti who is head of the MAT that Bungay High School belongs to. This project is not likely to yield a secondary school within the next few years but it is being kept open as a possibility for the longer term.
CS/KG will confirm who is organising the next meeting and contacting ESC and the East Anglian School's Trust.
8. Date of Next Meeting – 16th February 2022