

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee Meeting – 5th March 2014

Held at: The Croft, Old Hall Lane, Fradley

Acting Chairman: Bob Carruthers

Minutes

Present: Bob Carruthers (Acting Chairman), Cllr. Simon Roberts, Jane Piper, Darrell Baumber, Richard Fish, Julia Usher

1. Minutes from previous meetings

It was noted that Derick Cross had emailed Bob Carruthers regarding the minutes of our very first meeting (29/01/14) when DC was Chairman of the committee. In this email he stated that he was unhappy that some of the content was not accurate and highlighted the areas he thought were wrong. Bob Carruthers emailed him back to ask if he could state what changes he would like to see, to which DC has never replied. Simon Roberts has subsequently made some changes to these minutes and asked that these be approved by the steering committee.

It was agreed that these amended minutes would be adopted, but that they would always be referred to as draft minutes, as it is unlikely that DC would approve them.

2. New members

It was agreed that 2 new members are to join the steering committee with immediate effect. 1) Sandy Carruthers of Fradley Village, and 2) Andrew Thain of Fradley South.

It was agreed that all people that showed an initial interest in joining the steering committee from our introductory meeting in the church in January, would be contacted again to see if they would like to join. These include: John Butler, Helen Crowson, Mark Edwards, Elaine Huttley, Paul Causer, Linda Wild and John Meredith.

There were more people on the list, but those people have confirmed back to various committee members that they do not wish to be part of the main steering committee.

3. Hay End Lane Development

It was noted that Simon Roberts, Darrell Baumber and Julia Usher attended a meeting at Lichfield District Councils offices on Friday 28th February to discuss the Hay End Lane development with the developers and architects. District councillors Margaret Stanhope, Mike Wilcox and Paul Hogan were present along with Rhos Robb and other LDC officers.

The notes Simon Roberts had made through this meeting were discussed, to inform the steering committee of the main discussion points. These were:

- 1) The site layout and design principles
- 2) The issue of flooding on this site
- 3) Garaging and off-road parking
- 4) Maintenance of green spaces, trees, ditches and the attenuation pond on this site would be run by a management company with all home owners on this development contributing to a central pot to safe-guard the future management on the site.
- 5) No Section 106 money would be available from this site once the development has been completed, as the developer would be directly contributing this money into the creation of 4 football pitches, 2 tennis courts, a sports pavilion, a play area, and a public house and car park
- 6) 25% of houses would be affordable homes

The discussion following this update where mainly concerned with ensuring the developers had an adequate plan to drain the site and to ensure it does not flood homes in the future, the need and position of a public house on this site and additional car parking to the school at drop off / pick up times.

4. AOB

Does the Neighbourhood Plan steering committee need its own bank account?

Have we got forms to fill-in to apply for grants?

To be asked of the LDC officer in attendance at the next meeting.

Can the Neighbourhood Plan steering committee have access to planning notes on all future developments in the village and can the NP have a permanent spot on the agenda, so that the group can regularly inform the parish council of any news, etc?

To be asked of the FSPC clerk at the next parish council meeting.

How can we ensure St Stephens School properly engages in discussions with the developers, as there seems to have been a lot of reluctance from school governors to engage so far?

It is suggested that we contact the Chair of the school governors to discuss this point, as well as contacting Staffs County Council about who the main contact would be at SCC.

Julia Usher raised the issue of extending the churchyard in the future and the need to discuss this with developers and the Education Authority (school) to make sure provision is made to cater for this in the future.

5. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be arranged for Wednesday 26th March at 7.30pm in the St. Stephens Church meeting room. We will ask an LDC officer to come along to answer any questions the group has regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. We will also have an agenda item on sub-committees, to decide on the names, discussion points and leadership of each group (furthering the work that Derick Cross did on this and discussed with us in our January meeting).

Minutes taken by Cllr. Simon Roberts