Meeting of Neighbourhood Plan Steering group

October 22nd 2014 at Welbeck Club

Present: D Collins, M Smith, G Smith, C Barlow, K Barlow, C Chambers, S Brailsford, D Ridout, J Green R Bower

Helen Metcalfe

Apologies: D Wall

This meeting was held with Helen Metcalfe, our NP advisor. Helen led the meeting and this is a record of her presentation.

HM: Please introduce yourselves and say which parish you live in.

Everyone introduced themselves, and HM asked if anyone was a member of the three parish councils.

CC has joined Holbeck PCC

DC, KB, MS are on Cuckney PCC

SB attends Norton Parish meeting

DC explained the possible merger of Norton Parish with Cuckney PCC

HM: The vision: Is this correct?

All agreed it was.

HM: we’ll go through the objectives, and flag up areas that still need evidence

1. Housing: The wording on the final document may change but the intent will still be the same.

DR: We are still waiting for the report on the assessment of the housing sites that were put forward from the 3rd consultation event.

HM: that is the critical bit

JG: We have received comments from Highways Dept, from Conservation Dept, and we await the tree surveyors report

DR: He came today. There is only one site that has a TPO on it.

DC: We have resisted saying a figure of how many houses, to avoid alienation of the local residents. Whether there will be single houses or small developments.

MS: We haven’t actually discussed the size of the population, or indicated the decline in numbers over the past 50years. RB has produced useful figures about the population of the area.

HM: Asked JG to do a demographic of the area

JG: could we get details of the current housing stock in the four villages?

DR: I would be able to get the raw data

MS: There are a number of large houses on the estate that are empty. Could these be made into apartments?

DR: We are waiting for the conservation officer to look at Cuckney House as an option to convert to appartments

DC: We are held up due to the length of time we have been waiting for reports from the various departments at Bassetlaw. Is there anything we can do to expedite this?

JG: I can’t do any more. The departments are reduced due to cuts, and the reports will be done as soon as possible.

HM: Could JG send me a large map rather than these four small ones?

HM: What is the progress on assessment of the housing sites?

DR: All those being assessed by Bassetlaw are as a result of the community consultations. The 3rd consultation was the best attended and the sites chosen for assessment came from those questions.

HM: could you let me have the questions you asked?

MS: I’ll send them to you.

2. Employment

HM: Could we have a list of all the businesses in the neighbourhood and where the people who work in them live.

JG: What about the business park on the old colliery site?

DR: It is entirely in Cuckney Parish. Planning will be submitted in the NewYear for a business park. The tip will be a /country park with footpaths, and log cabins for small businesses in the woodland. We are working on the site planning and have found six concrete platforms (from WW2 ammunition storage sites) that may be used as bases for log cabins.

HM: If the site is included in the NP boundaries it needs to be part of the narrative.

KB: But we do not know what is going to be on the site.

DC: Cuckney Parish Council have been included in the consultations so far

DR: it will be a Living/ working environment.

HM: You need to make reference to it/ to review it in 5 years

DR: We have been concerned that he community gets upset about it.

HM: have you identified any other sites for employment?

DR: Hotel/ residential/offices for Cuckney House. Use of barns in Norton for workshops. There are already many small businesses in Welbeck, and increasing potential there.

3. Community

HM: Have you a list of community assets?

What are your aspirations?

MS: We have a project for permissive footpaths. This is part of the Green infrastructure brief being carried out by Cliff Andrews.

We are needing car parks in Cuckney

GS: We have discussed the possibility of a new village hall in Cuckney with more facilities

DR: restoration of a post office

HM: the village hall is an opportunity to have a project. It needs to be stated in the NP for future development, and a consultation is needed about it.

Re. parking. Is there a map showing parking problems?

There needs to be a policy on car parks.

MS: Site specific areas must have adequate parking

4. Environment

DC: A GI study is underway

HM: Local green space designation is new. Only certain areas are considered applicable.

5. Tourism and leisure

This was not discussed due to time constraints

HM: Key Steps

1. HM to do a site visit on November 4th. Arrangements made to show HM around the Neighbourhood.
2. 26th November HM to lead a draft review meeting that will include policies
3. 21st January – a draft of the NP will be available to the steering group for comments; also to Bassetlaw DC for informal comments and for the steering group to fill evidence gaps as necessary.
4. A follow-up meeting to be arranged with Bassetlaw DC.
5. 25th February – a meeting to sign off the draft and arrange the 6 week consultation procedures

DR: Could I put the draft policies to the Welbeck trustees before it goes to Bassetlaw DC.

HM: agreed

Funding

There followed a complicated discussion between HM and DC to confirm the funding of HM’s work and the time scales that had to be worked towards to meet the funding deadlines.