CNHW Neighbourhood plan – steering group meeting

29th May 2014

Present: D Collins, M Smith, K Barlow, C Barlow, K Wright

D Wall, D Ridout, G Smith, C Chambers J Green

Apologies : R Bower, AJ Ridout, N Cockrell, S Brailsford

The meeting was planned to focus on the local green spaces in each village in order to protect them. It was also an opportunity to identify other areas as green spaces, to enhance the rurality of the neighbourhood The group followed the guidelines set by Tattenhall NP looking at a) sites of open space value, b) sites of sport recreation and amenity value c)sites of nature conservation value.

James Green provided the group with maps of the parishes showing green spaces already identified by Bassetlaw

Holbeck parish

CC: the childrens’ play area and football pitch in High Holbeck are managed by Bassetlaw district council

The Holbeck Millenium Garden – Would it be possible to develop the Millenium garden along with the development of Woodhouse Hall?

JG It should be part of the policy for that development

CC:Lady Margaret Hall and the field behind it.

DR: The field isn’t shown as a green space on the map.

CC: It has always been used by local residents in the past for events. It is a site of amenity value

MS: It is important to keep it as a green space to prevent the development of hard standings for caravans for example.

DR: As long as it fits within the potential future development of Lady Margaret Hall.

Welbeck Parish

DW: Sites of amenity value include the bowling green, the archery club has its own field, the sailing club and the fishing club.

There is a green near the bowling club.

Norton

KW: the childrens’ play area is a site of recreation

DR: There is a possibility of a green space by Lady Margaret Crescent, should the proposed bungalows be built there.

Cuckney

DC: Existing amenities are the childrens playing field and play area, Cuckney cricket club, the football field opposite the Cricket club (not currently in use)

Cuckney Community garden

DR: Suggested areas for nature conservation.

The whole of Church Meadow could be given over for a nature reserve by Welbeck

The area along the north side of the river west of the A60 extending behind Riverside Close and Glovers Close could also be a nature reserve

KW:Some of these potential green spaces are already used for horses to graze. Isn’t this part of the rural scene?

MS: I still think that some smallholdings would be of value to the neighbourhood. For example, a house could be built with a few acres opposite the Church down to the old vicarage

KB: one of the problems is getting a lease drawn up for such usage

JG: If the group wish to explore this idea It could be done at another meeting

DR: some of the field will become a pond for drainage for the houses to be built on Budby Road. The lower part of the field could link to Church meadow and the field on the east side of Old Mill lane as a site of nature conservation.

GS: Is it possible to have a community orchard behind Glovers Close?

DR: it is too wet there

GS: Is it possible to have more trees, for example behind Fieldings Bank?

JG: It is a good idea to offer options in the draft for the next round of consultations. So by all means make wish lists for potential green spaces.

GS: The plantation (known as Mill Hill) by the pond near the school is a green space used by older children, but is impassable in some parts.

DC: Part of it was improved with fencing and steps some years ago

DR: The swampy field by the pond behind the School (known as Dam Meadow) could be used for grazing water buffalo

KB: Shouldn’t we make provision for allotments? Some new households may wish to have allotments, and it is the duty of the Parish council to provide them.

MS: The old allotments haven’t been used for 30 years

KB : but the demand for allotments may change

DR: the houses without gardens in Cuckney are usually taken by tenants of short duration who would not be interested in committing to developing an allotment.

DR: the restoration of the old coal tip will have a viewing point and pathways along it

Footpaths throughout the Neighbourhood

There was a great deal of discussion about the current footpaths and how they are not connected in a way that makes suitable walks for local people.

JG: Footpaths are not part of the Neighbourhood Plan as such but can be included as a project, and other NPs have done this.

Some of the funding could come from the CIL and this should also be identified in the NP.

To limit the use of footpaths to walkers only, it would be advisable to consider developing permissive footpaths. This is the least expensive way of doing it, and avoids the latest rules and regs about laying tarmac, signage etc.

It was agreed that DR would ask Welbeck Estate managers if the development of permissive footpaths would be acceptable in principle. Once we know if this is possible, then we could go ahead to define new paths in detail.

DR: There may be the possibility of guided walks through the Estate at certain times of the year.

DC: What is the next step, James?

JG: I will get the maps up to date and improve the maps

Next Consultation event

MS: I have contacted Helen Metcalfe to arrange a consultation event at the school. She will also consult the teachers and the governors. The only difficulty is that at present there are only 9 children from the four parishes attending the school.

JG: consultation is usually from those living in the area but I don’t think it would be a problem.

MS: the consultation of teenagers is a problem to arrange.

Various suggestions were put forward: a questionnaire, incentives to attend a meeting. It was left undecided.

DR: it is important to show that we have consulted every group, and interested party at different stages of developing the plan.

DC: At the next meeting, we need to finalise the footpaths and green spaces. Then discuss tourism, business and employment.

Should we not be completing the draft plan by now?

JG: It works better if each aspect is fully completed. We still need to complete Green spaces. The housing section is still being scrutinized by the experts so that is out of our hands.

DR: I think we need to get the NP completed before the next general election next year.

Any other business:

DR: The outline plans for the restoration and conversion of Warriners Barn was shown to the steering group. This comprised of six dwellings.

CC: concerned that this might seem too many on such a small site.

The drains are a major issue in the village

Could Holbeck Parish council be consulted?

DR: I will arrange to contact them

DC: there is very limited green space there.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd June at Cuckney Village Hall at 7.30pm