

NOTES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

COMMUNITY STEERING GROUP MEETING

21 JULY 2014 AT 7.00 pm

AT NESTON TOWN HALL - MEETING No.23

Present:

Neston Town Council: Cllr. Trish Derragh.

Community Volunteers:

Phil Baker (Chair), Robina Hetherington, Robin Hughes, Mary Eveleigh.

In Attendance: Peter Hamilton, Cass Associates.

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	Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Pat Hughes; Cllr. James Wilkie; Richard Nickson; Terry Nolan; David Wallace.	
	Declarations of Interest:	
	Previous Minutes & Matters Arising: Minutes of 16 June were approved. (i) University of Liverpool, Leahurst: PB has sent a reminder to Catherine Anderson; no response as yet. PB also mentioned in the letter our wish to work with the University on Ness Gardens.	

	<p>(ii) Dropbox:</p> <p>Up to date.</p> <p>PH has not been able to access all documents. Check again.</p> <p>Agreed NTC Response to CWaC Local Plan Parts 1 and 2 should be added to Dropbox.</p> <p>(iii) Housing Task & Finish Group Update:</p> <p>TD in contact with Alison Amesbury, Senior Manager Strategic Housing and Commissioning at CWaC regarding any plans they may have to redevelop derelict garage sites at The Ringway and Romney Close.</p> <p>PB has been offered a date by Plus Dane to visit one of their Developments. PB to circulate date to Housing T&F members.</p> <p>(iv) Quality of Life/Transport Task & Finish Group Update:</p> <p>ME has not been able to make contact with the director of Ness Gardens to enquire about their development plans; she will keep trying.</p> <p>Previous Minutes & Matters Arising Cont'd:</p> <p>(v) Neston High School Update:</p> <p>PB has written again to the Head Teacher; no response yet.</p>	<p>PH</p> <p>TD</p> <p>TD</p> <p>PB</p> <p>ME</p> <p>ACTION</p>
	<p>Neston Fair Feedback:</p> <p>PB reported that we spoke to more than 20 people at the Fair.</p>	

	<p>Various comments including "no affordable housing";</p> <p>"don't need cycle ways"; "it will never happen"; "I've heard it all before" and "you're doing a wonderful job".</p>	
	<p>Steering Committee Initiatives:</p> <p>5.1</p> <p>It was discussed if Parkgate residents see themselves as separate from Neston. If so, what about the residents of Ness, Little Neston and Riverside? It was agreed that in order to inspire the engagement of residents, we need to identify something specific to each ward. Data on the various conservation areas is available on CWaC website.</p> <p>5.2</p> <p>PH suggested that we could draft a policy for new development stating that it needs to be sympathetic to the surroundings. We need to identify both the positive and negative attributes. PH will email PB with some Guidance and PB will allocate the tasks.</p> <p>5.3</p> <p>Consultation with Groups Located Just Outside our Boundary: Agreed that we should identify contacts for the areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Burton (Robina) ii) Heswall (James) iii) Ness? (Mary) iv) Thornton Hough (Trish) v) Willaston (Robin) vi) Flint County Council (Phil) 	<p>ALL</p> <p>PH</p> <p>PB</p> <p>Robina</p> <p>JW</p>

	<p>5.4 Jobs Identified by Cass:</p> <p>i) Character Areas.</p> <p>ii) Town Centre Boundary.</p> <p>iii) Housing Numbers - target based, rather than need?</p>	<p>ME</p> <p>Robin</p> <p>PB</p>
	<p>Cass Associates Progress Report:</p> <p>a) Unable to update Neston Town Council website.</p> <p>b) Visitor numbers - available for Ness Gardens; no data for</p> <p>c) Discussed if Parkgate has local centre boundary protection similar to Neston.</p> <p>d) Cass ready to start formulating policies; PH will email a list to PB.</p>	<p>PH</p>
	<p>Localities:</p> <p>a) Our request for an extension to the Agreement with Locality, until 31 December, has been granted.</p> <p>b) It was agreed to accept the offer a "health check" from Planning Aid (Carol Latham). Date to be determined.</p>	<p>ACTION</p> <p>PB</p>
	<p>Meeting with CWaC on 9 July:</p> <p>a) Town Centre Commercial Boundary</p> <p>Neston Town Centre Commercial Boundary:</p> <p>PB and PH met with CWaC on 9 July. They discussed the CWaC evidence base for retail in Neston and Graham Bench had said that CWaC would not have any objections to shrinking the Town Centre boundary. PH pointed out that the designation of a town centre is protected by National Planning Policy and to change it would remove that protection. PB suggested that the wording in our Neighbourhood</p>	

	<p>Plan could be "loose" to allow for mixed development. PH to email PB with some Guidance and suggestion for new boundary.</p> <p>b) Ordnance Survey Maps:</p> <p>PH said we need to acquire an Ordnance Survey base map of the Neighbourhood Plan area in a digital GIS format.</p> <p>Trish to check if any Contractor Licence in place with CWaC.</p>	<p>PH</p> <p>TD</p>
	<p>General Communication on Progress:</p> <p>a) PB to prepare a report.</p> <p>b) Agreed that we will need to produce a special edition of Neston Matters newsletter.</p>	<p>PB</p> <p>PB</p>
	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>a) Agreed that we need an integrated strategy with other organisations, e.g. RSPB.</p> <p>b) Agreed that it is too soon for the Mayor to write a "thank you" letter to all the volunteers. TD to inform Acting Town Clerk accordingly.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>TD</p>
	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>Monday 18 August. 7.00 pm at Neston Town Hall.</p>	