

Wells Town Council Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Members of the Working Party : Roger Arguile (WTC) chairman, John Edwards vice chairman, Peter Rainsford (WTC), Lindsay Dew (WTC) Cheryl Curtis, David Fennell, Jacqueline Gray, Nicholas Holmes, secretary

Terms of reference

- The Steering Group is a working party of the Town Council and is subject to its decisions
- Up to twelve members of the working party may be appointed.
- Appointments of town council members replacing any who have resigned will be made by the council;
- The Group may apply for grants towards the Plan project; any grant funding will be held by the Town Council*;
- It may appoint a consultant should this be thought desirable or necessary after due consideration, having sought advice and funding;
- It may engage directly and with assistance from the local authority (NNDC) and others in evidence gathering;
- It may where necessary appoint sub-groups to examine specialist areas of work;
- It may convene public meetings and meetings of stakeholders in order to discuss the range and scope of the plan;
- It may formulate questionnaires on issues relating to the wants and needs of the town;
- It will report quarterly or more often if requested by the town council to the council at its meetings ;
- It will submit a draft plan to the council prior to public consultation with evidence to back up the proposed policies;
- It will submit the final plan as revised by the consultation process to the local authority*;
- And will where required conduct a referendum with the assistance of the local authority;
- All expenditure involving funds held by, or belonging to the Town Council, will need to be prior approval by the Town Council.

*Subject to the approval and endorsement of the Town Council

Extent of the Neighbourhood Plan area

The area proposed is that of the Wells-next-the-Sea parish which is a well defined township. For the plan area to be wider would entail the complication of dealing with another parish council. Holkham, the obvious adjacent parish is already dealing with NNDC directly. A smaller area than the parish would foreclose options about development not yet considered.

Objects of the Plan

- To preserve and enhance the special nature of the architecture and appearance of Wells as a historic and working port
- To enable the provision of affordable homes for local people so as to ensure a healthy balance between second homes and those of the local community so that Wells continues to be a place where people of all ages can live and work.
- To support and promote the development of new and existing local businesses and employment opportunities.
- To preserve the look and feel of the town by the appropriate siting of developments and the preservation of green spaces and wilderness for the use of the community and the protection of wildlife.

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