

Wells Neighbourhood Plan Working Party

Minutes

Tuesday 20th July 2021 10.30am Zoom meeting

Present:

Roger Arguile (RA-Chair), Cheryl Curtis (CC), John Edwards (JE), David Fennell (DF), Nichola Holmes (NH), Andrea Long (AL), Peter Rainsford (PR)

- 1. Apologies:** Received from Lindsay Dew (LD), Greg Hewitt (GH) & Rachel Leggett (RL) Jacqueline Gray (JG) and Jimmy Tottle (JT) unable to join Zoom meetings.

- 2. Minutes of last meeting, 15.6.21**

Accepted as a true record, with one correction to the report of agenda item 8. Apology NH. Dave Chapman is not a member of NNDC: he is the contact at Locality assisting WNPWP on the Call for Sites process. Locality is the advisory and government funding body for NPs, liaising with the larger AECOM infrastructure company.

- 3. Matters arising**

Design code – AL reported that the draft AECOM design code is promised by the end of next week and she will chase that if necessary. Elena at AECOM has confirmed that they have all the information they need to proceed with the diagnostics.

Call for Sites – AL has had a meeting with Dave Chapman from Locality to discuss the 4 sites received during the expression of interest process.

Medcentres proposal – RA reported that on 19.7.21 Medcentres submitted a revised proposal for the extracare housing development in Wells. RA is permitted to share with NPWP the information which WTC already has. DF confirmed that Medcentres had attended the last Homes for Wells board meeting to discuss ideas. It would appear that neither the Holkham Estate nor NNDC Planning Dept have been approached yet by Medcentres. PR suggested that the idea of developing some part of the WTC-owned Mill Rd. triangle as social housing should continue to be part of the NP consultation process, to ensure that local needs are heard and recognised. The group wholeheartedly agreed. JE asked AL to provide viability advice on the Medcentres latest scheme.

- 4. Non-Designated Heritage Assets & Local Green Spaces – PR/AL**

The interim meeting on June 29th for RL to guide the working party on this topic was attended by RA, DF and PR. PR has extracted the relevant items from the Character Appraisal report onto a separate spreadsheet shared with NPWP. He has excluded those items already listed in other official documentation. The group viewed his templates so far and other items were discussed for inclusion. All agreed to help with completing them via the GoogleDrive facility by the end of August. AL will ask RL to load up the information. RA will send PR the map showing items to be included in the new Local Plan.

JE Suggested that a further survey of the old walls around the town might be necessary for comprehensive coverage of these assets. AL stated that this is just the sort of thing which townspeople would be able to give details of and comment on at the public consultation weekend in October.

- 5. Policy ideas discussion - AL**

RA has circulated notes as an aide memoire to the discussion from the last meeting on the policy areas of objectives 1. Housing and 2. Employment. AL shared her amendments to these and the group moved on to consider the policy ideas for the other three objectives: 3. Infrastructure & Services; 4. Environment & Tourism; 5. Sustainability & Climate Change.

Over the next hour, those in attendance held a wide ranging discussion of the 16 possible policy headings. Members to send AL details of important views, including a photo. AL will amend and revisit the wording of each policy idea at the next meeting.

6. Public consultation event – AL

Once the policy wording is agreed, these ideas will be presented at the public consultation weekend in October. AL and RL will prepare the information and interactive display boards for comments. RA offered local equipment and setting up assistance as may be necessary/practical. A provisional booking has been made for the Congregational Church Hall for 3 hours on Friday evening, October 1st and 5 hours during Saturday, October 2nd. PR reminded AL that WTC will require details of the exhibition content in advance from WNPWP, to consider at a special WTC meeting before the end of September (date TBC). With today's meeting time running out, this item will be put on next meeting's agenda too.

7. Date of next meeting

Thursday 5th August, via Zoom, 11am. Note later start.

Meeting closed 12.37pm.

NH