

Wells Neighbourhood Plan Working Party Minutes Friday 4th February 2022 10am via Zoom

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

The meeting began earlier than originally agreed but all listed above were present by 10.35am.

1. Apologies: Received from Greg Hewitt (GH)

Jacqueline Gray (JG) and Jimmy Tottle (JT) unable to join Zoom meetings.

2. Minutes of last meeting, 14.1.22

Accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising

a) WNPWP letter of response to Holkham proposals on Warham Rd. site.

There has been no reply to the working party's letter requesting further written details from the Holkham Estate.

b) NDHA and LGS work. AL has updated these lists and they will be finalised in the continuing review of policies.

c) Funding. AL reported that RL has spoken to GH and they will prepare another funding bid when the application process opens. An announcement is expected shortly from the DLUHC on continued funding as part of the commitment to support NPs and Locality expect there to be at least one more financial year granted. AL stated that the current budget allows for 25 hours more consultancy work to the end of March 2022 and that WTC's previously allocated funds will be sufficient for Wells' NP to be completed, even if there is a government funding shortfall.

d) Local Plan pre-submission version, WTC response.

The new draft of NNDC's Local Plan was published on January 17th, just after WNPWP's previous meeting. It is available online on the NNDC website at <http://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/localplanconsultation> and a paper copy is at Wells Library. Responses are required by February 28th. RA has done an extensive review of the details therein and there has already been significant discussion about the draft LP content between members of the working party before today's meeting. WNPWP expressed their thanks for Roger's hard work in preparing a briefing document for WTC which he will present at the Council meeting next Monday, Feb.7th so that WTC can agree their response to NNDC before the deadline. PR and LD will be in support as fellow members of WNPWP. RA has also sent the relevant background documentation as advanced information to the Town Councillors. AL is willing to assist with formatting the WTC response to the draft LP as a piece of consultancy work separate from her NP role, if WTC wish to employ her in that capacity.

4. Continuing the review of NP policies, in the light of the LP pre-submission version.

Bearing in mind that the Wells NP policies must remain in general conformity with the emerging LP, WNPWP continued their review of the draft NP policies using AL's text containing updates from previous deliberations. Several draft policies can now be removed as they duplicate the LP, to give more emphasis to the "Wells specific" policies. Good progress was made on the housing, employment, infrastructure and environment policies. DF agreed to put together some notes in support of adding Wells-next-the-Sea to the list of towns where land will be safeguarded for sustainable transport in the Local Plan. This could be both a submission to the emerging LP and part of the NP infrastructure policy.

PR agreed to provide suggested text for the NP environmental policy addressing sea level rise and coastal defence specific to Wells.

The list of important views needs to be finalised, with text and photos justifying their inclusion produced. AL suggested a meeting of the WNPWP members resident in Wells, to agree details before the next meeting she will attend, as they have the necessary local knowledge and experience.

PR suggested a discussion via Zoom, to include members currently away from Wells, after each person had been able to assess the draft list at their convenience, rather than the group walking around the area together.

Dates of next meetings

Wells members, to assess draft list of important views: Thursday Feb. 17th, 10.30 by Zoom

Full WNPWP meeting: Friday March 4th, 10.30am via Zoom.

Meeting closed 12.20pm

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