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Necton Parish Council

**Minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Sub - Committee Meeting held 29th March
2021 at 7.30 pm held virtually via Zoom**

Parish Councillors present:

Alice Spain (AS) - Chair
Fraser Bateman (FB) -Vice Chair
Jean Bass (JB)
Ken Barrett (KB)
Nigel Wilkinson (NW)
Genine Curtis (GC)(Notetaker)

Additional attendees:

David Moncaster (DM)
Kathy Barrett (KaB) - Governor - Necton CoE
Primary School
Ian Poole (IP)- Places4People Town Planning
Consultants

1. To receive apologies for absence:

Phil Hayton

2. To receive any declarations of interest from Members & consider requests for dispensation

Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Necton Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.

None recorded.

3. To approve minutes of Sub-Committee meeting of 1st March (to be signed retrospectively at first face-to-face meeting held).

Minutes from the meeting held on 1st March 2021 were approved and duly agreed, to be signed retrospectively at the next face-to-face meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committee. Show of hands. Agreed unanimously

4. Updates and progress reports from Sub-Committee members on actions arising from the previous meeting held on 1st March 2021

AS advised that Howard Cardus has resign from the Sub-committee due to business and personal commitments. He has however agreed to help at a later stage on an ad-hoc basis which is appreciated.

- Justine Lockhurst (JL), Parish Clerk, and AS have had telephone conversations with Susan Heinrich (SH). Consequently, the 'area' we requested for designated has been agreed effective 24th March. With regard to the locality grants, JB, JL and AS completing the form, which was sent to IP for comments prior to submission. SH advised that Breckland will assist with a top-up grant but not until all of the locality grant has been spent. This should not be a problem as long as IP's daily rate is less than the amount the locality grant demand. IP has confirmed it is.
- FB has spoken with the Parish Assistant and the Community Hall is now booked for the 9th and 10th July.
- KB has taken various photographs in and around Necton and put these on his website. Photographs will also be needed for proposed development sites. Information to be given to KB as and when known.
- AS - Call for Sites - IP has sent over information as promised and this will enable us to decide where sites might be.
- GC - has taken some photographs which have been sent over to KB
- KaB - Nothing to report at present
- JB - Only to confirm the grant process.
- DM - Nothing to report at present.

Conversation then turned to the 'Call for Sites' and the information received from IP. NW felt that a lot of the information did not 'marry up' with our requirements. NW also felt that all available sites in Necton had already been developed on or, for one reason or another, been rejected. NW did not think it necessary to do a 'Call for Sites'. FB stated that before the 'Call' was made, information concerning housing numbers was required from Breckland. It is possible that with Erns Farm and Charnwood developments already agreed, further developments *may* not be necessary. Nevertheless, if this is not the case the NHP will assist us in choosing sites. JB also said it was in the villages interest to state where we stand. It was felt that without the 'Call for Sites, the NHP would just be an incomplete and meaningless document without substance.

Discussion took place regarding possible sites. One possibility is building out from Brackenwoods toward Ramms Lane, although we would prefer Ramms Lane be a 'quiet' road. Another possibility is the land between the Church and School but, as NW stated, that land has flooding issues and is owned by the Church.

IP joined the meeting at 8pm. Following a recap of the above conversations IP stated that the NHP needed to demonstrate that chosen sites are deliverable. This is identified by Call to Sites and is a necessary part of the NHP. IP will e-mail Breckland to find out Nectons housing requirement. We can approach landowners now. This could then be put forward to the villagers at the event in July.

With regard to the Church land, we would have to ensure that the Diocese receive a copy of the letter. DM offered to contact the Diocese and make preliminary enquiries.

KaB suggested a map of the village showing proposed development sites as some villagers may not be aware of them. Also, some may not know what affordable housing is. This was felt to be a good idea.

Actions moving forward:

- JB and KB offered to assist with displays for the community event.
- IP to send through examples of should be included and will assist with printing for the event.
- DM to contact Diocese with regard to land between the Church and School. IP suggested a cautious approach. It was also suggested that this meeting be minuted and reported back to the Sub-Committee.
- IP to e-mail SH and ask the question regarding housing numbers

5. To decide the date of the next meeting (First Monday in May being a Bank Holiday)

Date of next meeting will be Monday, 26th April at 7.30pm

Meeting finished at 20:35