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Necton Parish Council

Minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Sub - Committee Meeting held 17th August 2020 at 7.30 pm held virtually via Zoom

Parish Councillors present: Alice Spain - Chair
Fraser Bateman -Vice Chair
Jean Bass
Mark Jennings
Ken Barrett
Genine Curtis (Notetaker)

Additional attendees: Howard Cardus
David Moncaster
Kathy Barrett - Govenor - Necton CoE
Primary School
Susan Heinrich-Neighbourhood Planning
Coordinator MSc MRTP/Breckland Council

The meeting was opened by Alice Spain who asked those present to introduce themselves to each other.

1. To receive apologies for absence:

Andrew White - Necton Butchers
David Whitehair - The Windmill Public House
Phil Hayton - Resident

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 20th July 2020 (to be signed retrospectively at first face to face meeting held).

Minutes from the meeting held on 20th July 2020 were approved and duly agreed to be signed retrospectively at the next face-to-face meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Sub - Committee. (proposed by Alice Spain and seconded by Fraser Bateman, agreed unanimously)

4. Presentation by Susan Heinrich-Neighbourhood Planning Coordinator MSc MRTP/Breckland Council.

A copy of the presentation had been previously forwarded to members. Key points of the presentation were:

There is a new White Paper regarding planning.

The National Policy Planning Framework (NPPF) will be replaced by National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) which will give guidance of planning and legislation

Breckland Council is responsible for development plan and planning application. Neighbourhood Plan should have a designated area (Parish or Parishes working together) - requires approval and a referendum

The Parish is responsible for all preparation and one round of consultation before being passed over to Democratic Service Team at Breckland

Plans are currently taking between 2-4 years to produce and complete

Grant funding of up to £15k is available

You cannot support less development than already allocated by Breckland

Q&A Is there any guidance? *Guidance is available if required. The Plan for Necton should be unique.*

How do we cover wider issues such as highways and cross boundaries? *Look at other policies - this is possible, include at back of our Plan.*

Can we share technical support with other Parishes about joining forces?

Yes, make use of ordinance maps via Breckland.

Are we just preparing for larger developments? Will we get more cash injection? *The more consultation the more weight the plan has. Evidence is key.*

Susan Heinrich has kindly offered support and guidance where required.

5. To Discuss Planning Reform Proposals - Fraser Bateman

Fraser Bateman made reference to a letter received by all Parish Councils from George Freeman MP, including details from Robert Jenrick, Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government. It was highly recommended that all members of the Sub-Committee make themselves familiar with the document - Planning for the Future. Feedback to the letter is required to George Freeman by close of play on Tuesday, 18th August.

Pilot projects have been suggested and it was agreed by all present that Necton be put forward and considered as one of these projects.

Fraser Batemen will put together formal reply with assistance of Parish Office.

6. Discuss and Agree a Vision Statement for the Sub-Committee

A proposal has already been sent to members. Voted on and agreed by all present.

We further agree to listen and encourage the many diverse views of the village . Jean Bass to add this to the vision statement for circulation.

7. Aims & Objectives Under Vision Statement

Please see separate attachment for discussion at next meeting.

8. Discuss and Agree a Plan

Agree a draft boundary - To source once replies have been received from the Parishes of Holme Hale and North Pickenham as to whether or not they wish to come under our 'umbrella' Neighbourhood Plan.

Grants - When to apply? Plan needs to be in place in the first instance. We need to be clear on what we are applying for. Grants can be applied for retrospectively.

Assistance - Susan Heinrich has offered support as and when required.

*Reaching the Community - We can use the Parish Website; Parish News Magazine (The Link), Village Noticeboards, Community functions, house-to-house leafletting and on-line questionnaires. **Every effort must be made to inform all villagers and obtain feedback. This will need to be evidenced, on our final plan.***

Community Involvement - Should be started as soon as possible. This could currently involve leafletting and on-line but face-to-face workshops, etc will be planned for after covid19 restrictions have been lifted.

9. Agree a Draft Boundary for the Neighbourhood Plan Area.

This item has previously been discussed. Susan Heinrich confirmed that the ordinance survey maps on the Breckland website could be used. This will be formalised once responses have been received from Holme Hale and North Pickenham.

10. Updates & Progress Reports from Sub-Committee Members on Actions Arising from Previous Meeting Held Monday, 20th July 2020

All actions have been completed apart from those that are on-going.

The application for the Neighbourhood Plan is still in process. Mark Jennings is working with Justine Luckhurst, Parish Clerk, in this regard.

Date of the next meeting is - **Monday, 21st September 2020** via Zoom. Invitations to join this meeting will be sent out by the Justine Luckhurst, Parish Clerk

Meeting closed at 9.35pm

Aims & Objectives

1. To protect the character of the village
2. To ensure adequate facilities and amenities are available for Necton residents
3. To identify areas for development and for conservation within the village
4. The Plan should be user-friendly, concise and accurate.
5. Villagers should be involved before the final plan is put together so we know what we want in this plan.
6. Better quality and design in housing could be a consideration.
7. We should be receptive to all types of people in the village.
Alice Spain suggested adding something to the vision statement along those lines.
8. Accept growth and plan to ensure business survival. Building small scale industrial units to encourage people to live and work in Necton.
9. To ensure the School is fully represented in the Sub-Committee and to ensure growth to enable children to be educated in the village. (Hopefully representation will be possible when the School returns in September).
10. To use the Neighbourhood Plan as another platform to promote the school.
11. To be ahead in infrastructure required, not playing catchup as we normally do.

