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Minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group held on Tuesday 12th February 2019 in the Parish Council Meeting Room

Present: Councillor Mrs. C. Gilsean (Chairman) (and minute-taker, in absence of Clerk)
Councillor Mrs. M. Beadle,
Councillor A. Blacklee
Jo-Anne Garrick, Planning Consultant.

The meeting started at 2 p.m.

1. Chairman's Welcome and Update

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The letter of application requesting re-designation of NDP Area had been submitted to DBC before Christmas 2018. However, some minor amendments were needed regarding wording. DBC had also provided a specific map of the proposed Area. The amended letter had been submitted on 16th January 2019. Fiona McCall was handing this at DBC, and she had now advised that there would be a period of formal public consultation (13th February to 29th March), and she would send us information to display.

2. NDP Document – Draft Structure, Vision, Objectives and Policies

The Local Planning Authority Consultation on the proposed NDP Area would take 6 weeks. During this time, it would make sense to start looking at drafts and considering what we felt was important.

Jo-Anne had drafted Draft Structure, Vision, Objectives and a list of Policies based on the original draft NDP document, Parish Councillors' comments on the original draft NDP document, as well as taking into consideration the response to the DBC Draft Local Plan Consultation of Summer 2018, with regard to the village.

Jo-Anne advised that it was important that we start considering all of these in terms of what was important to the village, and what was required in terms of the NPPF. When the Parish Council conducts a village consultation, these drafts could be further honed, depending on the results.

A couple of issues were immediately felt to be important, such as the protection of PROW and green spaces. Jo-Anne advised that, if all of the requested designated green spaces were not eventually included in DBC Local Plan, there were other ways these could be protected, and they could be included in the NDP, for example with the designation "Protected Open Space".

3. Draft Consultation Leaflet

Following the LPA Consultation on the proposed NDP Area, which would come to a close at the end of March, the Parish Council could then do an initial consultation within the Parish on the new NDP.

Jo-Anne circulated examples of publicity/explanatory leaflets she had used for Low Coniscliffe and Merrybent NDP, and also Cramlington NDP consultations. It was felt that these were exactly the sort of leaflets that we needed. We would need to cater for 3 sections of the community: young families, adults, and the older generation.

4. The NDP Process and the LPA

Jo-Anne would let us know how our NDP would fit in: with the strategic policies of the adopted Local Plan, what we need to know from DBC, what the status is of the emerging Local Plan, etc.

5. Action Plan

The following action plan was agreed at the meeting:

- a. Jo-Anne will draft some information (e.g. a FAQ) for the Parish Council, in preparation for any queries by members of the public regarding the proposed NDP Area designation consultation
- b. Jo-Anne will contact Fiona McCall at DBC regarding the status of the Local Plan, housing figures, the Area Designation Consultation sign-off process and how the MSG NDP will fit in with the Plan and timeline, and a consulting list
- c. The Chairman will forward to Jo-Anne: s106 projects list, list of proposed green spaces submitted for DBC Local Plan, information on housing development applications and responses, etc.
- d. The Parish Council will: look in more depth at the draft vision, objectives and policies discussed during the meeting
- e. The Parish Council will: consider the draft consultation leaflets, and the groups that need to be contacted (e.g. Ramblers, CPRE, church group, Community Centre, disability groups, school, etc.....)
- f. The Parish Council will search for documentation on the previous NDP draft, especially the consultations held.

The Parish Councillors thanked Jo-Anne for her invaluable assistance.

The meeting ended at 3 p.m.