

Garway Neighbourhood plan inception meeting Monday 28th November 2016

Present: Chairman of NDP Craig Hooper, Chris Strange, Richard Sparey, Les Watson, Richard James, Bill McGinley, Connie Benjamin, Audrey Tapper.

Kath Greenow Garway Parish Council Clerk/ NDP secretary / finance co ordinator

Claire Bradley Kirkwells Planning Consultancy

Apologies: none

introductions

The Chairman introduced Claire of Kirkwells & Kath Greenow Parish Council Clerk and NDP secretary / finance co ordinator

Defining roles

Chairman Craig Hooper

Secretary / Finance co ordinator Kath Greenow Parish Clerk

Communications role to be appointed

Volunteer co ordinator to be appointed

Claire outlined Kirkwells role as Planning Consultants who had been appointed by Garway Parish Council to advise and assist with producing a Neighbourhood Development plan for the Parish of Garway.

Kirkwells are currently assisting several Parishes in Herefordshire with developing their NDP.

Current position background - update on plan planning applications etc.

No developers in the offing at present about planning in the parish,

Current planning permission granted for agricultural buildings, some planning permission granted for extensions to current property & planning permission has been granted for a new dwelling near the common which requires an easement over the common which is yet to be addressed, planning permission has also been granted for a new village community centre.

Parish plan

A parish plan was undertaken a few years ago, and element of the parish plan can be incorporated into the NDP housing etc.

National and local policy assessment

Claire outlined NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) and the local plan – Core strategy 2011-2031

A policy assessment had been put together by Kirkwells specific to Garway. and a copy would be emailed to the NDP secretary for those involved with the ndp and for putting on the website in due course .This will help with developing the NDP policies , as it's an evidence document

Key issues and objectives and vision

Housing

Clarification of the definition of Affordable housing - social rented, shared ownership , starter homes.

<https://beta.herefordshire.gov.uk/media/8060470/affordable-housing-definitions.pdf>

Affordable homes on development of 11 or more dwellings. More information can be found on

<https://beta.herefordshire.gov.uk/housing/advice/definition-of-affordable-housing>

<https://beta.herefordshire.gov.uk/housing/advice/affordable-housing-development>

Claire had put together a document relating to Draft themes / key questions for further discussion with steering group and consultation with the community

Sustainability

How can we encourage developers to build more energy efficient and sustainable homes?

Homes located within the settlement, energy efficient, low environmental impact

Natural Environment

Which green spaces should we protect and why?

How should we protect the landscape?

How should we improve footpaths and connectivity in the parish?

Commons - already protected under the Commons Act

Local green space/ open space

Built Environment

Economy

How should we support more local/ home grown businesses?

Agricultural element, rural farm diversification, employment opportunities

Tourism - improve footpaths and create walks

Transport

Traffic speeds, maintenance of roads, bus services and existing parking issues are not problems a NDP can address.

How can we improve accessibility for all new development in the wider area ?

Community Facilities

Which community facilities should we protect?

Village hall (community centre), s Primary school, local pub & local church

Infrastructure

CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) Incorporated into NDP

Vision for parish up to 2031

General

Is there anything we have missed?

Draft timetable plan was distributed to those present at the meeting

Next meeting

Availability dates for a meeting in Jan 2017 Dates to be given by Claire

Action points for next meeting

Communication

PC Website to have NDP info on it

Meeting with head of Garway Primary Scholl to seek involvement of the year 6's

Challenge – to bring 4 more people to the next meeting