

WILLASTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

NOTES 24th OCTOBER 2017

Present: Maurice Jones, Colin Todd, Frank Morton, Keith Ward, Anna Cutts, Ann Jones,
Also in attendance Andrew Thomson Planning Consultant.

Apologies: Martin Longhorn, Shirley Brazier, Rachel O'Hara.

Minutes: Meeting held on 17TH 6th June 2017 – approved.

Neighbourhood Plan Update: Andrew Thomson stated that the Willaston Neighbourhood Plan was rolling on with amendments and modifications being applied and could be considered for Referendum early in the new year, however, pressure was being applied by all interested parties requesting the 7th December 2017 as the preferred date. The decision could be announced at the portfolio meeting tomorrow. If the Council members are satisfied that the examiners comments and requests have been dealt with and meet with housing numbers and green policies included in the approved Local Plan then the referendum could be the 7th December 2017.

Formation of Campaign Group: Andrew Thomson reported that following the joint meeting held on the 19th September 2017 urgent discussions had been held with Cheshire East Representatives regarding key issues leading up to the referendum. Colin Todd continued that he had held conversations with Cheshire East Legal Department and the Neighbourhood Plan Team and confirmed that the guidance and information previously given no longer applied and a new procedure was needed to meet the requirements and deadlines.

After lengthy discussions covering the following:-

- 1) Making information available.
- 2) Informing residents about the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 3) Modest expenses.
- 4) Notice period of election.
- 5) Possible establishment of a Campaign Group.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed not to form a Campaign Group. This means the Neighbourhood Plan Group can continue to inform the residents about the plan and the Referendum vote will take place but will not be allowed to indicate which way to vote (either yes or no) but can state when the Referendum will take place and where any information can be obtained and therefore this procedure

will meet with all new guidelines and requirements set by Cheshire East Council.

Financial Report: In Martin absent the Chairman reported that a figure of £1706.00 was available.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7th November 2017 at 32, Hollybush Crescent Willaston commencing 7.30pm.

Note: Since the meeting the Referendum day announced 7th December 2017