

WILLASTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE

NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON Thursday 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016

The Chairman opened the meeting with Seasonal Greetings.

**Present:** Maurice Jones, Craig Bailey, Anna Cutts, Keith Ward, Martin Longhorn, Colin Todd, Ann Jones.

Also present Andrew Thomson – Planning Consultant.

**Apologies:** Shirley Brazier, Frank Morton.

**Minutes:** of meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015 – approved.

**Planning Presentation:** Andrew Thomson – Planning Consultant gave an update and presentation on the following:-

- 1) Examination of Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy – Inspector Stephen J Platt's Interim Views and Implications were very full and un-feted. (The report had previously been sent to all members) and was mainly focussed on resolving issues around specific proposals rather than the contents of strategic policies bar the controversial question of any adjustments to the Green Belt boundary in the north and emerging Green Gap policy in the south. A new timetable had been produced and it will be important to have representation at the next round of public consultation in February 2016. This should mean a revised Spatial Distribution of Development for both the north and south of the borough. The Inspector concludes that he retains an open mind about Cheshire East Council's proposed revisions but to ask the Council to consider the implications of these further Interim Views before advising him on their preferred course of action and timetable.

We, as a group must wait for the new Cheshire East Local Plan and then participate in future Consultations.

- 2) Letter from Brandon Lewis MP – letter confirms commitment to Neighbourhood Planning and hopefully to speed up and simplify the process. (Copy of letter attached).
- 3) Meeting with Edward Timpson MP – confirmed that meeting arranged with Crewe and Nantwich MP to update him on present position.
- 4) Action Plan to be resumed after publication of Cheshire East Council report at the end of January 2016 but all efforts still to be channelled into safe-guarding the local land for the future.

- 5) The Chairman to reopen correspondence with Adrian Fisher following the Inspectors Interim Review.

**Cheshire Wildlife:** Discussions regarding quotations from Rachel Giles and also the need to use the experience of Craig Bailey if and when required.

Andrew Thomson stated he would be at a National Trust Seminar with Rachel Giles at Style Mill on the 11<sup>th</sup> January and would discuss our requirements along with other joining Parishes and would advise the Chairman of the result of the discussions.

**Willaston Mapping Areas:** Some members expressed concerns and problems in printing maps from Tom Evans. Colin Todd advised that he had provided all maps on Google Drive. Andrew Thomson agreed to contact Tom Evans about maps covering bus routes and key traffic congestion points.

**Website:** The Chairman reported that he had received a letter and invoice from Rob McIntosh who stated that he was happy to continue to update the website on our behalf until a member of Willaston community can take over. He also stated that we will receive an invoice from Kathy Bennett of Gordon Bennett Technologies Ltd for the name “willaston-np.org.uk” and for hosting of the website. This will be for £50.00 annually – the invoice for £450.00 as per quotation was approved and passed to Martin Longhorn for payment. It was proposed and agreed to publish the website as soon as possible.

**Financial Report:** Martin reported no change from the last meeting but would now pay for the website and also expected an interim invoice from John Hessewood before end of financial year. Once decision was agreed about Cheshire Wildlife, payment could be made. Some discussion on Cheshire East Council Locality Grant.

**Correspondence:** Agreed to update Parish Newsletter regarding Neighbourhood Plan. The Chairman to write congratulation letter to Chairman of Bunbury Neighbourhood Group on receiving approval of plan and ask for any immediate advice.

Andrew Thomson informed meeting that he would be seeing Councillor Michael Jones next week and would update him on the progress of the Willaston Neighbourhood Plan.

**Next Meeting:** Agreed that the next meeting would be Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 and the Chairman closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

