

Notes of Neighbourhood Planning Meeting 15th October 2014, 19.15, Pavilion, Bit End Field, Whittington

1. Welcome & Apologies

Present

Clive Abbott, Cllr. Julia Spencer, Francesca Jackson, Phil Jackson, Cllr. Steve Rushton

Apologies

Debbie Barnish, Gareth Hyde, Chris Jones, Cllr. John Cannon, Cllr. Thia Knowles, Cllr. Phil, Taylor

2. Notes of meeting held 17th August & any matters arising that were not covered on the Agenda.

The Notes were proposed as a true record by Julia Spencer, the only member present at the previous meeting.

Julia Spencer said that she would send out the Declaration of Interest form to those who had not yet signed it.

3. Finance

Phil Jackson presented a set of accounts, which had been reconciled with those of the Parish Council, for consideration. He was thanked by Clive Abbott.

4. Future Funding

There was a discussion over the need for further funding once the Grant from Locality has been spent, the deadline for spending the Grant is 31st December 2014. It was agreed that Cllr. Alan White and Police Commissioner Matthew Ellis could be approached for their ideas on funding. Locality to be asked whether there was any flexibility over the 31st December deadline.

5. Saturday. 18th October Event

A site meeting had been held on the 14th October to plan the event. Refreshments organised, balloon entertainer hired. A screen will show the front page of the Neighbourhood Plan website. Visitors will be asked to give their name, address when they enter and how much they know about the Neighbourhood Plan. They will be asked the same question when they leave. There will be five tables in the centre of the hall to enable residents to give their views on the different topics of housing, the environment, children and families, village facilities and traffic. Prompts have been prepared for each table. Information about the village and the Neighbourhood Plan will be shown round the room. A Crossword about the village will be on every table. Publicity for the day has been through an article in the Lichfield Mercury, a leaflet drop to every household, a leaflet in every school child's bag, posters round the village, including outside the Co-op, and highlighted on the Parish Council website. It was agreed that the NP should have its own Facebook site, Clive Abbott will talk to Gareth Hyde about setting this up.

6. Progress with Engaging Consultants

There have been four replies from consultants. Short listing will be carried out on the 16th October and there is a provisional date for interviews on the 23rd October. It was agreed that those on the Panel for short listing and interviewing would have delegated authority to choose the consultants. The group to be informed at every stage.

7. Any Other Business

It was agreed that every sport and social organisation in the village should be written to, asking if someone from the Neighbourhood Plan Group come and give a brief talk about the Neighbourhood Plan, the forthcoming questionnaire and ask for their engagement in the process. The aim would be to visit them in November.

Cllr. Steve Rushton suggested that someone from the Group come along to the Whittington Football presentation that will take place on the 25th October, 10am.

Cllr. Steve Rushton, on behalf of the Parish Council, thanked the Steering Group for their hard work and said it was much appreciated. In return Clive Abbott thanked him for his help with the setting up the website. Information to be put on the website should be sent to Clive Abbott.

Richard Rayson, Staffordshire County Council Highways Officer, has offered to meet the NP Group to discuss Whittington and Fisherwick highways issues. Julia Spencer said she would contact him for dates.

8. Date of next meeting

19th November, 7.15, Pavilion Bit End Field.