

Notes of Neighbourhood Planning Meeting 13 January 2016, 20.00, Thomas Spencer Hall , Whittington

1. Welcome & Apologies.

Present

Gareth Hyde, Cllr. Julia Spencer, Cllr. Phil Taylor, Cllr. John Cannon, Chris Jones. Clive Abbott, Debbie Barnish, Barrie Payne, Phil Jackson, Francesca Jackson

Apologies

Lisa Mason, Thia Knowles

2. Notes of last meeting & any matters arising that were not covered on the Agenda.

The Notes were proposed as a true record by Julia Spencer and seconded by Gareth Hyde.

There were no other matters arising that were not addressed within the meeting's agenda.

3. Finance & Grant Applications

A carry forward balance of £3200 was reported that took into account the cost of the Characterisation Survey.

It was likely that up to £5k might have to be sought from the Parish Council, the amount being very dependent on whether consultants were utilised to write the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was thought that future funding streams when they come available (beyond February) would again be on a project by project basis.

Julia Spencer thought that David Latham (LDC) might be able to advise on sources of funding.

4. Characterisation Survey

The Survey would be copied to all NP Group members and made available to the Parish Council.

It was suggested that the Survey could provide the basis for / be included within the next article for 'Connect'.

5. Housing Needs Assessment / Distribution

Survey documents for household distribution would be available from 21 January and needed to be delivered to allow for return date of completed forms of 22 February.

6. Update from Working Groups

Short updates were provided by each Group about their progress to date. It was agreed that Group members could lend their support to other Groups if their resources allowed.

7. Any other business

There was a general discussion about a possible loss of momentum in the village as regards continued interest in the Neighbourhood Plan and how interest could be reinvigorated and maintained.

It was agreed that an article would be placed in Connect and an item in Village Voice when the Housing Needs Survey was about to be distributed. A letter with a time-line illustrating what's been achieved thus far and what is to come would be issued with the Housing Needs Survey. The use of an open meeting/community event to tie in with the May Village Market was tentatively agreed for 3rd Saturday in May.

8. Date of Next Meeting

17 February 2016, 2000, Thomas Spencer Hall.