

Minutes of a meeting of the Woore Parish Neighbourhood Planning Team held on 27th March in the Victory Hall.

Present

Mr Jon Furber
Mrs Karin Billany
Cllr Malcolm Blake
Ms Caroline Brown
Cllr Stephen Clifford
Cllr Mike Cowey
Ms Lucy Hughes
Mr Chris Jeffries
Ms Mandy Jones
Mr Alan Melvin
Ms Ann Thompson

33 Welcome

The Chair Welcomed members to the meeting.

34 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Ms Kirstie Hercules and Mr Jeff West.

35 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 23rd February 2017 were approved.

36 Matters Arising from the Minutes

(a) Planning for the Long Questionnaire (Minute 28 (b) refers).

An example of a longer questionnaire had been circulated to team members.

(b) Shropshire Local Plan (Minute 28(f) refers).

Feedback to the plan, with additions from the Parish Council, had been transmitted from the team to Shropshire County Council. It was felt that this combined response was a good policy.

(c) Drop in Session (Minute 29 refers).

The Chair thanked members who attended to “man” this session. It had been well attended with a number of people signing up to take part in “hands on” activities relating to the Neighbourhood Plan. A good article reporting the event had appeared in the Parish Magazine

(d) Neighbourhood Plan Funding (Minute 30 refers).

It was reported that the grant needed to be spent by the end of March 2017. However, LH advised that obtaining quotes for activities taking place after this date can be part of current expenditure rather than an additional funding claim having to be made.

37 Long Questionnaire

LH advised that it was important to base questions on the vision and objectives identified in the initial questionnaire. Questions should be designed to get a meaningful response and to make the response distinctive to Woore.

Team members held a brainstorming session based on the identified objectives with the results set out below:

(a) Housing developments

- What would be the ideal size of any development ?
- What should be the type of properties constructed?
- Design of houses / parking issues
- Where would possible sites be?

It was AGREED that residents should be made aware of the current position re. planning permission numbers in the parish as this information would inform their responses.

(b) The rural nature of Woore

An objective was to retain the gaps between the settlements in the parish. It was therefore important to name the gaps where they exist.

What should be protected? Important views, listed buildings or community facilities (to include open public space)

(c) Support the village centre and enhance the rural community (Questions 3,4&5 to be brought together)

The current facilities should be listed on the questionnaire eg. Cricket , bowling , village green etc. and residents asked what extra amenities they would like to see.

Questions should also be included on the natural environment. This may include access to the countryside ie. improvements to footpaths, improvement to hedgerows and on the development of community projects connected to this objective.

The team agreed that it was important to engage with local businesses to ensure all stakeholders are involved in the plan.

It was AGREED that a sub group of the team would meet to pull the questions together into a draft questionnaire to be discussed at the next full meeting. The meeting of the sub group would take place on the 13th April.

38 Logistical Arrangements for the Second Questionnaire

Following a discussion it was AGREED that ;

- There would be one questionnaire per household with all household members invited to complete it
- The questionnaire could be downloaded
- The questions would include the age of respondents to check the width of responses
- Questionnaires would be hand delivered and collected. Information on this would be given in the parish magazine. It was AGREED that when they were delivered people would be made aware of a collection date.
- As a back up collection boxes would be available as before at the school and in the village store.
- The aim would be to collect completed questionnaires before the start of the school summer holidays.

39 Buerton Questionnaire

It was reported that a copy of the Buerton questionnaire had been received with a response date of the 16th April. Given that Buerton was not a neighbouring parish it was AGREED that no response would be made.

40 Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is the 24th April 2017