

Minutes of a meeting of the Woore Parish Neighbourhood Planning Team held on 7th August in the Victory Hall.

Present

Mr Jon Furber
Mrs Karin Billany
Cllr Stephen Clifford
Cllr Mike Cowey
Ms Lucy Hughes
Mr Chris Jeffries
Ms Mandy Jones
Mr Alan Melvin
Mr Daryl Stebbings
Ms Ann Thompson

50 Welcome and Introduction

The Chair Welcomed members to the meeting and stated that the focus of this meeting was to receive and discuss the analysis of the completed Big Questionnaire and to agree future actions.

51 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Malcolm Blake, Ms Kirstie Hercules, Mr Daryl Stebbings and Ms Caroline Brown.

52 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 24th April 2017 were approved.

53 Summary of Analysis of Big Questionnaire

It had been agreed that the analysis of the questionnaire would be undertaken by LH and Cheshire Community Action. On behalf of the Team the Chair thanked LH for the professional way in which this had been undertaken and completed.

LH was invited to summarise the findings for the group and in response the following points were made:

- (a) The response rate of 54% was very good. A greater % of older residents had responded but this was not seen as a particular problem
- (b) Compared to similar questionnaires this one had been easy to analyse with many positive responses from parishioners

- (c) Support for the vision and objectives expressed in the neighbourhood plan was high
- (d) For clarity the “yes” column in question 16 would be removed
- (e) New buildings should be no more than two storeys high
- (f) There was support for eco friendly policies with regard to building developments
- (g) The use of footpaths in the parish was greater than expected
- (h) A fairly large number of respondents worked from home and therefore enhanced broadband was viewed as important
- (i) With regard to “sensitive gaps” more work was required prioritising each according to % response and at the same time taking account of both sides of the A51
- (j) The village facilities appeared to be little used.
- (k) A number of issues raised were not pertinent to a neighbourhood plan but could be taken forward through other means eg The Parish Council. These included the use of village green, the creation of allotments /community garden.

54 Next Steps

It was AGREED that this analysed information should be fed back to parish residents. This would be done through a number of ways including a second “drop in session” This event would take place in the Autumn and would follow information given to the press, parish magazine and parish website.

Action Point - SC to send press release to LH to OK it prior to it being transmitted to the press. SH would also liaise with LH to identify issues that would be taken to the Parish Council.

55 Drafting the Neighbourhood Plan

LH would take this forward by drafting a plan informed by the questionnaire. The draft would be circulated for debate and agreement at the next meeting.

The Team expressed its satisfaction with the progress made thus far and noted that there had only been a small amount of slippage against the project plan, mainly due to the timing of the recent general election.

56 Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is 4th September 2017.