

Minutes of Middleton-on-the-Hill and Leysters Neighbourhood Plan meeting held in the Parish Hall on 21st April 2015

Present:

Guy Griffiths – Chairman (GG)
Martin Rees – Secretary (MR)
Neil Elwis (NE)
William Summers (WS)
Sue Davies (SD)
Tom Merrick (TM)
Bryony John (BJ)
Ian Culley (IC)

Apologies:

Mike Davies (MD)
Alex Millward (AM)

Minutes of last meeting

These were read, approved and signed.

Action

Matter arising from minutes

The Chairman reported that a grant had been approved. Also the Parish Council is to receive a grant of £900.00 to produce a new web site for the parishes which will include a Neighbourhood Plan section. This will replace the existing web site.

He also reported that Hereford Council had approved the use of Ian Culley, on the basis of part payment and part voluntary, to produce the Project Plan. Hereford Council made the proviso that Ian would not be able to be on the committee. This means we would not have to employ an outside consultant.

Budget Update

The Chairman reported that we are to receive a grant of £3,532.00 lasting a period of 6 months as from May 2015.

The Chairman is to provide a breakdown of budget costs.

Project Plan

IC reported that Stages 1 & 2 of the Neighbourhood Plan, Summary Project Plan – version 3 – 19/4/15, were now completed, we now start on Stage 3.

GG

BJ asked if any of the previous Parish Plan would be used.

IC

IC said that some parts may be relevant.

NE and BJ to investigate and obtain three quotations for the proposed new web site.

NE/BJ

Web site to be prepared for approval, by the committee, by the end of May.

It is intended that the launch date for the Project Plan will be Saturday 6th June between 11.00 am – 4.00 pm. We will prepare the Hall on Friday 5th June 2015.

MR

The intention of the launch is to make people aware of what is going on in our area. We would have a large map of the area and perhaps different coloured post-it notes to depict various ideas and areas of these on the map. A note of this meeting to be put in the May and June Parish Magazine.

IC
GG

Terms of Reference

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had sought advice on this matter and it had been pointed out that any persons on the Neighbourhood Plan committee who would profit from a decision made by the committee, e.g. sale of land they owned for development, must declare it.

Local Plan Update

The original number of houses to be built between 2011 and 2031 was 8 in the Parish of Leysters. Now legislation says we are to include both Parishes which makes our housing figure 22.

The Chairman reported that as some 6 or 7 new homes had already been built or received planning approval since 2011 our figure is now 14. These are minimum figures.

IC reported that the Affordable Housing need at the moment is 3.

Any development of over 10 houses must include some form of affordable housing.

Our Vision

Members of the committee were asked for their suggestions.

- a. Village Green to include play area.
- b. Play equipment at churches e.g. swing, see-saw.
- c. Money for children's Christmas Party.
- d. Rounders match and barbecue in summer.
- e. Potholes mended.
- f. Parking at Village Hall.
- g. Bus shelter at Five Ashes for children waiting for the school bus.
- h. Upgrade water supply.
- i. Upgrade Broadband.
- j. Upgrade mobile phone signal.
- k. 30 mph speed limit
- l. Tractors to reduce speed to 10 mph through village.
- m. Tractors to clear mud off road.
- n. New houses to be of individual build & design and to fit in with surrounding area.
- o. By 2031 Leysters and Middleton-on-the-Hill will have retained and enhanced its distinctive environmental, historical and cultural character for everyone who lives, works and visits here. The Community will benefit from easy access to new and improved facilities and local people will have a greater ownership of decisions which affect the future of the area. New, high quality and locally distinctive development will have been successfully integrated into the area to make it as good a place for the next generation as it is for us.

Any other business

None.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 19th May at 7.30 pm.