

Minutes of the Clipston Theme Group Meeting held on 26th March 2018
CLIPSTON VILLAGE HALL, 7.30pm

Minutes taken by Felicity Ryan, Clerk/RFO.

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Attendees: R Burnham (Chairman), S Woodgate, A Price, J Oldershaw, D Wragg, J Tyson, D Wilford, M Ward, G Kirk,(Your Locale) D Doran (Your Locale) , J Martin (Your Locale) M Preston (Your Locale), C Morley, T Wilford, M Clarke, J Kemsley-Pein, A Davies, T Ward, S Marshall, D Martin, D Wilford, F Tan, A Skinner

Welcome from the Chairman – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members of the public had been invited to attend to become members of the Theme Groups needed to take forward the next stage of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Overview of Neighbourhood Planning – G Kirk gave a brief overview of the Neighbourhood Plan process as follows:-

- The role of a Neighbourhood Development Plan is to produce planning policies
- The Neighbourhood Development Plan should have regard to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), environmental issues and other strategic planning policies.
- The Plan cannot say there can be no development required, but it can specify where development is situated and the type needed based on the evidence collected throughout the process.
- It can provide protection and enhancement of community facilities.
- Increasing power is being given to Neighbourhood Plans

Progress of Neighbourhood Plan – A Price spoke to confirm the progress made by the Neighbourhood Development Plan committee so far as follows :-

- The Village Design Statement was commissioned in May 2013 and addressed heritage, landscape and open spaces.
- The Neighbourhood Development Plan carries more weight than the Village Design Statement
- Community engagement is essential
- The Neighbourhood Plan advisory committee was formed, has appointed a planning consultant, composed, circulated and received responses to the questionnaires and held an open event. Theme groups are to now be formed on the following categories in order to form the evidence base for the Plan as follows :-

1. Housing and the built environment (lead by D Doran from Your Locale)

2. Natural and historic environment (lead by J Martin from Your Locale)

3. Community Facilities, Employment and Transport (lead by M Preston from Your Locale)

- Once this work is completed, (at the end of summer 2018), a further open event is held, and then the draft is sent out for pre-submission consultation. Once amended and approved by the PC, the final plan is submitted to DDC who will send the draft

out for a further period of consultation. An independent examiner will then inspect the plan and a referendum held for final approval in the village before the plan is 'Made'.

- A member of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee asked if Brexit would have an impact on the Plan. G Kirk responded to say it was unlikely to have any impact, due to environment and housing needs still being a priority for the government.

Theme Groups – An introduction was given by G Kirk in relation to the Theme Group categories and their purpose. Members in attendance were then divided in to three groups to make introductions, explain interest in the topic, brainstorm issues, appoint a Chair and a notetaker to feedback to the main Neighbourhood Development Plan Advisory Committee. A date for a full meeting would also be set.

Meeting Closed.