

CLIPSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Neighbourhood Development Plan Meeting held on Tuesday, 23rd May 2017.

CLIPSTON VILLAGE HALL, 7.00pm

Minutes taken by Felicity Ryan, Clerk/RFO.

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Attendees: R Burnham, S Woodgate, J Tyson, J Oldershaw, N Carr, David Wragge, P Booker, P Hooper

16. Apologies : David Wilford, A Price,

17. Presentation by Michael Wellock from Kirkwells :

- A Neighbourhood Plan differs from the Parish plan and Village Design Statement because it carries statutory weight and will help determine planning applications.
- The NDP committee should be in charge of the process as the committee should shape the future of the Parish and shouldn't be determined by external advisors. They will act as supporting officers but can also offer advice.
- Envisage the next 12 months will be the critical stage in drafting the plan.
- Preparation of the plan will be the most complex stage.
- Do not recommend questionnaires. They advise collecting the information in different ways e.g at other village events.
- They have worked on several Neighbourhood Plans in the area, e.g Kilsby, Barby, West Haddon, Weedon Bec, Barby and have 100 parishes in the process.
- They recommend that we shape the whole parish and don't just concentrate on the houses.
- They are Neighbourhood Plan specialists, Town Planners and are policy experts with 30 years experience. They know how to appeal to Planning Officers.
- Can be flexible on providing support on all or part of the project as required.
- The total cost is £8000 but we can chose different parts of the package.
- Emphasise on the quality of the plan as opposed to trying to rush through the process as it will be in place until 2029.
- They have worked on an NDP (Weedon Bec) which was rejected due to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Plan, which was a learning curve.
- NP regulations contain a schedule of bodies to consult which makes the procedure transparent.
- Michael Wellock would be our consultant throughout the process. Prices are fixed and based on them attending 4 meetings. If we wanted to allocate sites the price would increase.
- Grants are available through locality and they can assist with the applications for these.

18. Presentation by Sally Stroman of APC Planning :

- The Neighbourhood Plan can dictate development within the village.
- Familiar with Clipston as she worked on Buswell Court and conversion of the Old Red Lion site.
- She is locally based, their offices are on the Wellingborough Road in Northampton
- She has over 20 years experience, working in London for a local authority and in the

- private sector. Can wear two hats and can see things from the Planners point of view.
- She is currently working on 3 NDP's in Northamptonshire, Moulton, Overstone and Crick and 2 NDP's in Bedford of a similar size to Clipston.
 - Moulton Plan has been 'made'. Overstone is slowly being completed.
 - Can offer variety of levels of support, from an advisory health check or full technical support.
 - Has contacts at Daventry District Council.
 - Recommends consultation exercises be attached to village events. Strongly recommends questionnaires as they form part of the evidence base.
 - Has capacity to deal with us and will be our point of contact throughout the process.
 - Small consultancy with 4 members of staff.
 - Will charge approximately £500 per day and total cost should be between £10,000-£15,000 depending on level of support required.
 - Hopes to achieve a plan Clipston can be proud of.
 - We can select our Examiner at Daventry District Council
 - Will assist in completing her part of the grant applications and can recommend contacts to assist in Committees part.

19. Summary and Action Points

- A meeting is to be held to decide which Consultant to appoint. **ACTION : Clerk to compile a comparison list and obtain references from the Parish Council who have now had their plans made.**
- Date for Village Walk to be confirmed at next meeting.

Meeting Closed 8.20pm