Misterton with Walcote Neighbourhood Planning Advisory Committee

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 8 May 2019 at 13 Chapel Lane, Walcote at 7:00 pm

Present: Liz Marsh (Chair and member of MWPC) (EM)

Lindsey Astle (MWPC)

Ben Benoist

Julie Huggett

Gary Kirk (YourLocale) (GK)

Item Description

- 1.0 Apologies were received from James Robertson (MWPC), Wesley Thomas and Jeremy Royle. NOTE: the remaining members of the Parish Council were also invited to the meeting but were unable to attend.
- 2.0 Version 4 of the Neighbourhood Plan having previously been circulated, the Committee proceeded to work through it, paragraph by paragraph, refining it and removing duplication and typographic errors and changing emphasis where necessary. NOTE: Version 4 was also forwarded to the Parish Council prior to the meeting. No additional comments were received.
- 3.0 Gary Kirk expressed concern regarding the interface between the NP and Lutterworth Strategic Development Area (SDA) in the Local Plan (LP), recently adopted by Harborough District Council. He offered to discuss the issue with Matt Bills of HDC and advise of any necessary alterations, whether in the form of a standalone policy or enmeshed throughout the NP. **Action GK.**

More specifically:

- V4 proposes Limits to Development roughly in line with those set out in the previous Local Plan, but including the row of houses and bungalow at the west end of the village to the south of the A4304. It should be made clear that this restriction does not impinge on the SDA proposals.
 Gary offered to review the proposed Rural Exception policy in the light of
- the new LP. **Action GK.**
- 3.3 Liz offered to consider bringing together the various items in the Environment section dealing with the SDA at an appropriate part of the NP. Action EM.
- 3.4 Gary offered to review the Renewable Energy section in the light of the LP.

 Action GK.

4.0 Other agreed changes:

- 4.1 Important Open Spaces: It was felt that the evidence did not support the inclusion of site 1106 and this was removed. Liz believed that site 1128 should have been coloured orange on the plan as an "Existing open space" and agreed to check the evidence. **Action EM.**
- 4.2 In the Local Heritage List, item 19 should be removed as the evidence did not support its retention.
- 4.3 In the Public Footpath section of the Community Assets chapter, reference should be made to the significant improvements made to the footpaths by the Parish Council in recent years with the aid of grants. As a result, the paths were more widely used both by residents of the Parish and Lutterworth. Some of these paths cross the proposed SDA it is important that they are not interrupted or made less attractive or usable.
- 4.4 It was agreed that the Traffic Management section of the Transport and Road Safety chapter should include additional policies to support the retention of the average speed cameras, currently on trial, and to support the provision of a light controlled pedestrian crossing in Walcote to help those crossing the A4304 to catch the bus into Lutterworth or to access the only shop in the village. Consideration is to be given as to whether these should simply be added to the existing policy or if there should be a new Infrastructure policy.

The meeting closed at 9:30 pm.