

Minutes of meeting of Environment Group – Monday 23rd April 2018

Present: John Martin, Jo, John, Keith, Wesley, Jeremy, Nick, Mick, Liz

Apologies: none

John Martin had prepared an agenda.

Mick agreed to act as Chair and Liz to be note taker

Liz updated group: Cathy (Parish Clerk) has been asked to apply for a licence to allow copying of OS plans; ridge and furrow information is promised and further environmental information is also being obtained.

Nick agreed to number the fields within the Parish prior to trial field survey.

John explained criteria used to assess each field's suitability for inclusion as a Local Green Space in the Neighbourhood Plan. 3 categories: proximity, special to community and local significance. These criteria are based on National Planning Policy Guidance. Each field will be scored up to a maximum of 25. The total score is less significant than identifying the top scorers, which are the fields most likely to be designated significant green spaces.

Agreed to use local knowledge and resources (Beefy for trees, HDC interactive map, ridge and furrow information, species of concern) to help identify significant sites prior to walking them. NB A green space does not have to have legal public access, but it helps to get the designation to 'stick'.

Next meeting – walking fields to moderate our scoring – Saturday 5th May at 2:30 meet outside 13 Chapel Lane.