Misterton with Walcote Neighbourhood Plan

Housing Theme Group

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12 June 2018 at Hillcrest, South Kilworth Road, Walcote at 7:30 pm

Present: Derek Doran (YourLocale)

Lindsey Astle (MWPC)

James Robertson (MWPC)

Kyle Kalym

Kirsty French

Apologies: Ben Benoist

Item Description

1.0 Welcome

Derek welcomed everyone and checked that we had all the papers previously circulated.

2.0 Declarations of interest

There were no new declarations of interest.

3.0 Minutes 25 April 2018

It was agreed that the draft minutes of the meeting held on 25 April, previously circulated, were a true record and they were adopted. There were no matters arising not otherwise on the Agenda for the evening.

4.0 Housing Theme Group Vision Statement

The need for a separate HTG vision statement was discussed and it was concluded that in view of the wording of the original NP Vision Statement one should be prepared. Derek will circulate a draft. **Action DD.**

5.0 The National Planning Policy Framework consultation

The revised NPPF and Planning Policy guidance was introduced by Derek. He pointed to the increase in housing delivery generally and affordable housing in particular. He also noted that neighbourhood plans would be given some primacy.

6.0 Evidence Update

A general discussion took place on whether the NP should identify potential sites for development or be based around the existing limits of development. Bearing in mind that the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) had not identified a requirement for the Parish, the group concluded that it did not have the evidence to support any policy of wider development. The group felt that it should instead focus on a detailed windfall policy. Derek will circulate examples. **Action DD.** The potential use of rural exception sites should also be included with possible modification of the

policy used by Harborough DC. Lindsey will circulate the present policy. **Action LA.** Misterton does not currently have its own limit of development but it was thought that as it is surrounded by countryside, it has its own protection and the Environment Group will build on that. The HTG felt strongly that there should be an area of separation between Misterton and the proposed development at Lutterworth East.

7.0 Approach to design

Derek had previously circulated examples of policies used in Hallaton and Medbourne but it was noted that both parishes included conservation areas, which ours does not have. It was felt that our policy should not be so prescriptive and Lindsey will begin work on a draft. **Action LA.** It was noted that the Environment Theme Group might wish to contribute to this in due course.

8.0 Next meeting

The next meeting of the HTG will take place on Monday 9 July 2018 at 7:30 pm at 16 Brook Street, Walcote.

The meeting closed at 9:00 pm.