

# **Minutes of the Meeting of the Steering Group for Ashton Neighbourhood Plan**

**Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:15 pm At Ashton Primary School**

**Present : Jeremy Roychoudhury, Carl Johnson, Glenn Otto, Graham Laidler and Sandra Lemon, Secretary**

There were 5 members of the public present.

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**11. Apologies for absence – none**

**12. Minutes of the last meeting** were approved

**13. Items arising from the last meeting-**

- had been tasked with finding a firm of consultants to support and advise the Steering Group and the Parish Council.
- The suggestion by Chartwells Industries that they might offer to apply for planning permission to put a village facility to planning in exchange for support for a shopping facility/ industrial facility on the same site was explained to the meeting and discussed. A member of the public pointed out that a question about the village need or desire for a village hall had been in the last questionnaire done in 2015 and the answer had been no. It was decided that the Parish Council should be asked to apply for pre-planning before this is taken to the village.

**14. Report from Carl Johnson and Glenn Otto** - Glenn reported that they both approached a variety of sources and that Kirkwells Planning Support came highly recommended. They suggested that the committee recommend Kirkwells to the Parish Council.

**15. Report of the meeting in Roade and the presentation from Kirkwells Planning Support.** Kirkwells' support package offer and quote were shared with the meeting.

**16. Consideration as to whether to recommend to the Parish Council that Kirkwells be engaged as consultants** – This was discussed and the meeting voted to make this recommendation.

**17. Apply for Locality Grant** – Jeremy Roychoudhury explained about the locality grant. The meeting decided to recommend that the application for a locality grant be guided by the consultants as the plan proceeds

18. What do we want to get out of this process? -

- A Neighbourhood Plan
- For villagers to feel included in the planning process.

**19. How do we plan to consult with the relevant people?** Suggestions such as workshops, interviews, stalls at village events and interviewing people should take place. It was decided that we could move forward with history gathering from various people in the village.

**20. Items for the next meeting :**

- Feedback from Parish Council Meeting
- Feedback from history gathering
- Meeting with consultants if Parish Council agreed to engage them.

**21. Date and time of next meeting to be announced.**

The meeting was closed by Chairman Jeremy Roychoudhury at 20:50 hrs