

Minutes of the Meeting of Ashton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on

Monday 19th June at 7.30pm at Ashton Primary School.

Present: G. Otto, S. Lemon, J. Roychoudhury, C. Johnson, A. Beber, P. Joyce.

1 member of the public

55. Approval of apologies for absence

None

56. Declarations of interest

None

57. Approval of the minutes of previous meeting

The group resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 30th 2017.

58. Matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting.

The next tranche of funds have been paid into APC's bank account so that £4,250.00 was held for neighbourhood planning as at 31st May 2017. Kirkwells have submitted an invoice for £3,000.00 which was paid on 14th June 2017.

S.L. /M.W. have contacted J. Johnson at SNC informing that the Group wish to amend planning confines for Ashton, following relevant guidelines. J.Johnson has replied advising that SNC will continue to include their own revised confines in their plan as there is no guarantee that the Group's plan will proceed through all stages to completion. She advises that it is the most up-to-date plan that carries the most weight.

59. Discussion of document Ashton Neighbourhood Plan

The Group discussed how best to hold informal consultations with residents to gather their opinions on the village confines. This included which online maps would be clearest when magnified and the option of 'knocking on doors' to get feedback. Holding an open afternoon on Stoke Road Green was discussed; this could entail residents drawing confine lines on an enlarged map (this would require photographic evidence) or residents could write on paper copies. Holding this event on a Saturday afternoon was deemed best.

Similar information gathering could be done at the church coffee mornings held once a month on Saturday mornings and also at The Old Crown public house (possibly one evening plus a Saturday afternoon).

J.R. is to try and produce an A1 or A0 map of Ashton and has also agreed to take photographs of green spaces, views, post-boxes and church artefacts.

60. Deciding on a 'Pen Sketch' of Ashton

M.W. has already prepared a draft version. S.L. is to expand this, possibly using content from the 'Welcome to Ashton' leaflet.

61. Plans for consulting with residents

Already discussed under item 59 above. There was general agreement that our best policy is to ask Ashton residents to propose where they want the village confines to be drawn. A date was agreed for an opening ceremony with drinks etc. on Stoke Road Green – Saturday 22nd July, 2-5pm- when consultations can take place. The Parish Council will be asked to approve this .

62. Items for next meeting

J.R. has agreed to talk to Andy Gray of The Old Crown regarding holding one or possibly two events there. S.L. offered to find out when the next committee meeting of Men's Own Rugby Club takes place.

63. Date of next meeting

Monday 10th July 7.30pm at Ashton Primary School

The meeting closed at 8.40pm