

# Minutes of Ashton PC Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 7.30pm

## Present

Bernard Day, Jeremy Roychoudhury, Alan Beber, Glenn Otto, Sandra Lemon, Rachel Day, Paul Joyce.

## 110. Apologies

Carl Johnson, Sarah McAllister.

## 111. Declarations of interest

None.

## 112. Previous Minutes

Approved.

## 113. Matters Arising

- (1) The Draft Plan was received from Michael Wellock. We are on time for a referendum at the end of 2018, or beginning of 2019.
- (2) Businesses consultation -  
We agreed on standard questions in order to extract the most relevant information:
  - a. *Name of business?*
  - b. *Type of business?*
  - c. *How long has it been active?*
  - d. *How many employees from Ashton?*
  - e. *What would prevent it from employing more Ashton residents?*
  - f. *What does it need to grow - eg. broadband, buses etc.*

MW has listed criteria in the Draft Plan about which kind of business to protect, taking into account its effect on housing, parking, etc.

A definitive list of Ashton businesses and homeworkers will be produced, and an advert put in the next AVN to ask for information on those we might have missed.

We agreed that all existing businesses should be protected, and be able to expand if they meet the above criteria.

## 114. Feedback from last APC meeting

None.

## 115. Review of Draft Plan

- (1) Employment - see Para 113(2) above.
- (2) Green Spaces - there was a discussion about adding other green spaces to the list in the Draft Plan.  
We need a larger scale map clearly showing the location of green spaces.  
Correction - the Millennium Green should be named the Millennium Garden.  
Hartwell Green should include the green space on both sides of Hartwell Road.  
We agreed to add the wooded area off the Back Lane bridleway, next to the railway embankment. It was proposed that we designate it "Back Lane Wood", and that name was agreed unanimously. This will have to be ratified by APC.

- (3) Community Facilities - the list is complete, but there was a discussion about any future expansion of the Old Crown Pub, to be dependent on provision of adequate off-street parking in accordance with the criteria in the Draft Plan and Para 113(2) above. The Pub managers should be asked about their plans.
- (4) Sport & Recreation Facilities - the Rugby Club is to be asked for further information about their own development policy.  
It was agreed to add the Recreation Ground behind the Pub to the list of facilities.
- (5) Valued Landscapes - none identified as yet.
- (6) Non-designated Assets -  
The site of the former historic large house opposite the Rugby Club.  
Ancient earthworks in a field off Bozenham Mill Lane.
- (7) Design Principles - no comment.
- (8) Traffic - there was a proposal to press for the reinstatement of the by-pass road from the top of Ashton Road/Roade Hill down to Stoke Road/Rugby Club, so as to divert excess traffic from Roade.

#### **116. Programme to apply feedback to Kirkwells**

It was agreed to feed back the above comments, and any further notes from our current round of consultations to MW. Once this has been incorporated into the Draft Plan, we will produce a Summary Document and enter the next phase of public consultations.

#### **117. Items for next meeting**

- (1) Consolidate feedback to MW.
- (2) Plan next phase of consultations.
- (3) Review business list and questions to be asked.
- (4) Review other Neighbourhood Plans from other villages.

#### **118. Date of next meeting**

Monday 26<sup>h</sup> February 2018 at 7.30pm, in the School Room.