

SOUTH LENCHES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP
MEETING OCTOBER 22nd 2020, 7.30pm, HELD VIRTUALLY. MEETING NO: 10

Present: Morgan Murray (Chair), Carolyn Hodges (PC), David Edge, Mel Shore (PC), Jen Fletcher, Julia Tyrell (now PC), Denise Oates, David Proops, Emma Buckingham and Nicky Holland (Clerk to PC).

1. Welcome, Introduction and apologies - Nil apologies received. Minutes from meeting dated 18.08.20 approved by all. Morgan welcomed Emma to the meeting and gave a brief update to inform her of what happened at the last meeting and where we are to date.

2. Update on Visions, Objectives and Policies: Carolyn updated the Group on the following: Herself, Julia Tyrell and Denise Oates have met to look at where the Plan had got to and what needs to be done to complete. Need to return to evidence base material.

Have looked at the Objectives and Policies in the existing Draft Neighbourhood Plan. Divided the Policies into 3 broad areas to share the load. Looked at Neighbouring Council Plan for guidance. Lot of work has been carried out by the previous Chairman but the document needs to be made clearer to understand.

Looking at the end of November to produce a draft set of policies that can go into the Neighbourhood Plan after they have been reviewed by the Group as a whole.

Has held conversation with 2 Planning Officers from Wychavon District Council who will give guidance with the Housing & Objective Policy to help deliver a document for the future. This is one of the key areas. Advised to look at Eckington & Broadway Neighbourhood Plans. Link to the Broadway Plan: <https://www.broadway-cotswolds.co.uk/broadway-neighbourhood-plan> Also suggested that the Group broaden and widen their knowledge and look at the language and creative approach that other communities have done in their Neighbourhood Plans. Start thinking of community benefit to the area.

Both Carolyn and Morgan attended the virtual meeting of the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) where it was asked if it was worth putting in place a Neighbourhood Plan. Advised to keep going as it will carry statutory weight in Planning. The White Paper, proposed by Government, will not be out for several years; the SWDP is due for adoption 2023 which will carry statutory weight.

3. Update on Valued Landscapes and Local Green Spaces: No legal definition of a valued landscape under the Neighbourhood Plan framework. Distinction between Local Greenspace: Valued landscapes do not have any definition whereas Greenspace is protected by law, this would cover Atch Lench Orchard as a valuable community asset. Further work is required on Sheriffs Lench valued landscapes as justification required. The present documents are shown as footpaths but they are definitely not. There is no tagged set of landscapes just photographs. Work needs to be done on this section of the Plan. **Action: Morgan to contact Chrissie Brown.**

Draft Visions and Objectives will be completed once cross referenced with various documents and evidence.

Action Plan:

- a) Draft Policies to be looked through and regenerated.
- b) Informal Consultation to be carried out.

c) Household Survey: It was asked if it was worth carrying out the survey of households last done in 2015 again. Would be a big undertaking. The Group felt perhaps it would be worth doing a refresher questionnaire but much simpler, perhaps with 5-10 questions. There have been quite a few newcomers to the Villages since it was last done and houses have been infilled in areas especially along Low Road. For future discussion.

4. Public Question Time: Nil present.

5. Any Other Business:

a) Julia Tyrell to discuss with Chairman the aspect of Valued Landscapes.

b) Steering Group Constitution to be reviewed at the November meeting of the Parish Council.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm.