

Misterton with Walcote Neighbourhood Planning Advisory Committee

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 14 December 2017 at The Memorial Hall, Walcote at 7:30 pm.

Present: Liz Marsh (Chair and member MWPC) (EM)
Gary Kirk (YourLocale)
Lindsey Astle (Chair MWPC) (LA)
James Robertson (Member MWPC) (JR)
Keith Wilding (KW)
Julie Huggett (JH)
Jeremy Royle (JR)

In attendance: Tom Bell and Lynsey Hunter

Item Description

- 1.0** Apologies for absence were received from Wesley Thomas and Ben Benoist
- 2.0** There were no declarations of interest made.
- 3.0** JR, Tom and Lynsey were welcomed to the meeting.
- 4.0** Funding:
 - 4.1** LA confirmed that the grant of £5050 from Locality had been received and the account from YourLocale had been approved for payment. After an initial refusal a grant from National Lottery Awards for All of £9500, it had now been approved and the funds were on their way to MWPC's bank account.
 - 4.2** GK confirmed that YourLocale's charges would be covered by grants. A further £6000 could be drawn down if needed. Any excess funds would have to be returned to the awarding bodies.
- 5.0** GK gave a review of the Open Event and the results from the Questionnaires.
 - 5.1** Twenty six residents attended the Open Event. The responses showed strong support for affordable housing, any housing being designed in keeping with the existing stock. Residents were asked to identify where housing should be supported and where it should not. Further funding was available from Locality to identify housing sites if needed. Many residents expressed concerns about speeding in the village and HGVs, particularly when the A14 was closed. There was strong support for existing community facilities.
 - 5.2** The completed questionnaires showed an average/ below average response rate. In summary, residents valued the rural setting of Misterton and Walcote and the separation from other settlements. Support was expressed for eco-friendly housing and small to medium homes. There was some support for additional employment in the form of home working and small units. The broadband available was considered

OK but sometimes patchy. The Hall, Pub and play area were valued. There were mixed views as to the future use of the field at the end of South Kilworth Road. Transport was a concern to many residents and there was strong support for a proper crossing over the A4304 in Walcote, particularly if there was additional housing on the South of the road. There was overwhelming support for the speed cameras and keeping them beyond the trial period. As for other concerns, fly tipping and dog fouling headed the list with flooding being the lowest priority, although anxiety was expressed over the effect of development at Lutterworth East on the drainage of the valley.

- 6.0** Theme Groups – GK explained how these would operate. In effect there were three areas – (1) housing, (2) employment/business, community facilities and transport and (3) the environment. YourLocale would provide facilitators to assist and provide expert input. Ideally more residents were needed. He suggested a launch event in the New Year to explain the role of the groups. He encouraged the involvement of younger residents.
- 7.0** The Parish website – it was agreed that the website should contain information about the Neighbourhood Plan and EM offered to write something appropriate in the New Year and ask the Clerk to upload it. **Action EM.**
- 8.0** No other business was notified or considered.
- 9.0** The next meeting of the group would be the launch event referred to above, ideally at the end of January/beginning of February 2018. GK would provide the Agenda. **Action GK.** Due to the limited availability of the Hall, JR agreed to explore the possibility of using the Pub. **Action JR.**

The meeting was closed at 8.35 pm.