

**Minutes of the Meeting of Embleton Parish Neighbourhood Steering Group  
at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th February 2018 in Embleton Church Parish Room**

**Chair:** David Ainsley

**Present** David Ainsley, Alisoun Carss, Monica Cornall, Karen Greenhoff, Terry Howells, Christine Hunter, Michael Heslop, Adam Moody

**Apologies:** Raymond Carss

**Secretary:** Karen Greenhoff

1. **Minutes of the last meeting.** The minutes of the last meeting were accepted (proposer MC, seconded CH) and signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

## **2. Matters arising from the last meeting**

- The research groups continue to collect and collate data from identified sources for dissemination. several Initial responses were be tabled at the last meeting on January 10th 2018. Updates were on the agenda for this meeting (see below).

## **3. Progress of Sub-group Research**

### **TH/DA/The Archdeacon of Lindisfarne**

- Primary interest is the glebe land (church field) where there are several options for land use.
- DA/TH to meet Ian Beswick (Glebe Estate Management and the Archdeacon once the new vicar is in post.

### **Landowners**

- Second meeting with Robertson family confirmed that plans were still in place for 7 houses on Station Road but with now only two entrance/ exit points
- meeting with Fallodon Estate (Mark Bridgeman) outlined plans for 16 single storey properties (with dormers) planned for land north of Creighton Place (4 affordable). It was established that the views into the village from the north required some improvement. MB was open to suggestions for community projects and the possibility of play facilities was suggested.
- Christon Bank has planning permission for 13 houses to the East (2 affordable) and it is hoped that planning permission will be extended
- there are no immediate plans for housing between the Villas and High Dales (Douglas) or on land owned by Richard Manners.
- Other research ongoing.

### **TH/AM/ NCC Planning Officers**

- NCC staff allocated to support the NP are unavailable in the short-term due to illness
- Rob Naples (NCC) has suggested a Parish quota of 30 new dwellings over the next 20yrs
- TH to confirm statistics for housing build, affordable homes and application ratio from within and outside the Parish. for these houses.
- CAN have agreed to conduct a housing need survey and the questionnaire was circulated and agreed The survey will be be printed for delivery in early March with a completion and return period of 2 weeks followed by 3 weeks for analysis.

### **KG/ Sport and Leisure Users**

- Embleton Cricket Club attracts few players from the Parish. The ground provides a good location for access and spectators
- Embleton Whinstone FC are satisfied with current provision after the groundworks to improve drainage and subsequent pitch maintenance. Any junior development (a previous strength) would benefit from a multi-use area adjacent to the pitch and the play park. This should have a generic all purpose surface (football/tennis/basketball/hockey etc) and not be specific to football e.g rubber crumb. This is a desirable but not essential development. Capital and revenue costs are a major problem.
- Embleton Bowling have little current interest in an outdoor green due to the capital and revenue commitments involved. Future expansion of the club and changing demographics may change patterns of demand and land could be safeguarded for any outdoor provision.
- Fitness Classes (various) feel that groups are suited to indoor locations (various) and any individual participation is enhanced by local countryside and beaches.
- Playpark and Trinity Tots - discussions ongoing.

### **MC/VF/MT Environment**

- a background to environmental policies was circulated prior to the meeting. Discussions centred around the need to assess local commitment to incorporating environmental objectives in the NP. The group is to consider methods of eliciting community input via a focus group or questionnaire.

### **MH/ Business**

- Details have been received from 17/18 local business that employ approximately 80 F/T and 70 P/T staff, some on a seasonal basis.
- An electronic copy of the questionnaire and its analysis to be provided to augment the other research findings above

## **4. Vision Statement and Objectives -Establishing the Vision and Objectives for the NP**

- Volunteers for a small working party (DA/KG/PB/MH/TH/ MC) met at 7.00pm on February 7th at 7.00. At this meeting a draft version of a vision was created.
- This version of the Vision was tabled at the main meeting with the opportunity for comment. The only change made was the period of the NP which was changed to 2016 - 2031. The meeting agreed that this vision would be taken forward with the change stated and would form the basis for establishing the objectives. MC to circulate the agreed vision
- The working party will meet at 7.00pm on Thursday 15th February 2018 to expand the Vision into specific Objectives for the NP as agreed. These objectives are to be circulated to the full NPSG for comment.

## **5. Vision Statement and Objectives - Public Consultation**

- The initial community contact will be via the Whinstone Times. Printed and distributed during the next few days. DA to prepare and contribute an article for inclusion.
- The Vision and Objectives will be sent out to the community for consultation in Feb/March
- The questionnaire will be included in the subsequent edition of the Whinstone Times (DA to confirm date) as a detachable flier to be returned to identified collection points. Responses (with a telephone contact number) will be entered for a prize draw.
- The working party to set the format of the inserted document at the next meeting.

- Processing of the results of this consultation scheduled for March/ April

**6. Finance**

The NP cash balance stands at £2608.48 (start £4452, spent £1843.52)

**7. AOB**

DA to contact Jenny Ludman in order to clarify the terminology of tasks included in the initial project timeline. (for example “mapping”)

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

**Sub-group DA/KG/PB/MH/TH/MC15.02.18 at 7.00**

Finalise Vision, Objectives and Questionnaire for circulation to NPSG and subsequently the Whinstone Times )

**Full NPSG TBA**