

**Minutes of the Meeting of Embleton Parish Neighbourhood Steering Group
at 7pm on Wednesday 10th January 2018 in Embleton Church Parish Room**

Chair: David Ainsley

Present David Ainsley, Paul Bevan, Monica Cornall, Karen Greenhoff, Terry Howells, Christine Hunter, Michael Heslop, Adam Moody

Apologies: Raymond Carss, Alisoun Carss, Joan Little , Wendy Pattison (NCC)

Secretary: Karen Greenhoff

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

2. Matters arising from the last meeting.

- a. Identified research groups continue to collect and collate data from identified sources for dissemination in January 2018. Initial responses to be tabled at the meeting on January 10th 2018 (see below).

3. Protocols for NP Meetings

TH circulated paper copies of the Terms of Reference for the NPSG and confirmed the protocol for signing-off, then filing, minutes of group meetings. The following criteria were noted:-

- a. the group size is 6 to 14 members
- b. at least 3 active members are from the Parish Council plus local residents
- c. the meetings are quorate with 5 members of the Steering Group (2 PC)
- d. the sub group can delegate tasks with the agreement of the group
- e. minutes, signed by the Chair to be passed to the PC Clerk for publication.

4, Outputs of the Interim 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. These include options such as the establishment of a Land Trust.
- DA/TH to meet Ian Beswick (Glebe Estate Management and the Archdeacon.

Next stages:

- Second meeting with Robertson family.
- Agreed date for meeting with Fallodon Estate (Mark Bridgeman)
- Owners of Dunstanburgh Golf Club added to the list of contacts.
- 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

- An imminent meeting with Andy Dean (Community Action Northumberland, CAN) will explore the possibility of having housing calculations completed by an experienced, professional team at no cost to the Steering Group
- MH to delay an application for external grant funding until the outcome of CAN negotiations are agreed.

KG/ Sport and Leisure Users

- Embleton Cricket Club attract few players from the Parish. The ground provides a good location for access and spectators
- Discussions on going
- Embleton Whinstone FC are satisfied with current provision after the ground works 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.
- 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 eco-housing, particularly housing design and village/rural planning was circulated prior to Christmas
- VF to review the impact of social v “luxury” housing on social cohesion and
- any proposed environmental objectives.

MH/ Business

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

4. Consultancy - the next steps

- A. Consultations to be continued and reports to be submitted to KG by January 24th 2018.
Format to be 2 pages maximum with a concluding paragraph to summarise the key points from the analysis. These key points will directly underpin the objectives included in the NP (chain of evidence needed)
- B. Establishing the Vision and Objectives for the NP
Volunteers for a small working party (n=5) were drawn from those attending the meeting on 10.01.18. (DA/KG/PB/MH/TH/ MC as stand-by were agreed by attendees of this meeting). Any other NPSG members wishing to attend / contribute to the meeting of this sub-group on 31st January 2018 please contact DA directly
KG to disseminate research outputs to this sub-group for further NP action and the whole NPSG for information

It was agreed that **Finance** should be a standing item on all future agendas
The NP cash balance stands at £2608.48 (start £4452, spent £1843.52)

6. **Date of Next Meeting**
Sub-group DA/KG/PB/MH/TH **31.01.18**
Full NPSG **07.02.18**

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