

NOTES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN MEETING 23rd APRIL 2019

Attended by: Sally Weald, Roy Beard, Geoff Smith, Charlotte Kew, Vince Moon, Rod Boulton

ACRE REPORT:

- It has been agreed previously to continue working with ACRE.
- Whilst a lot of issues were put on the table at the workshop, this will be a light touch plan as there is no real planning issues. Funding is available and the Neighbourhood Council and community can give momentum. Once a plan is in place will be easy to keep to date.
- ACRE suggested that door to door questionnaire not needed. But Community needs to know about Neighbourhood Plan and to find out information plus needs to stop any rumours about taxes! Detailed evidence has to be sent in to demonstrate full community involvement. How are we going to demonstrate this otherwise? An alternative is a full consultation at pre-submission stage.
- Noted that ACRE suggests that realistic to do plan with £9,000 but clear NOT with cost of full consultation. Also they were concerned that manual return will lead to inputting issues.

FUNDING:

- Concerningly the government has not released this year's funding yet. This has huge impact for other groups poised to complete plans.
- Plan cannot be completed with £9,000. WNC has applied for £3700 for community consultation and result will be known in 4 weeks. It was agreed that the even if this funding doesn't happen then the initial work should continue as it can be placed on hold whilst alternative funding is sought. Alternative sources of funding can then be explored.
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VISION and OBJECTIVES

- The Objectives lead the questions on the questionnaire & this then influences the plan structure. Phrases from other plans were considered. It was agreed that there will be three strands covering the natural environment, protecting the built environment and improving the economy and services. Sally will develop a wording for consideration.

INFORMATION/CONSULTATION

- It was agreed to deliver an information document and questionnaire to every house. Spotlight deliverers will be approached and vouchers will be arranged for an 'At Last cake' Hopefully many of them will want to do so. Otherwise gaps will have to be filled.
- Every encouragement to be made for online inputting – hopefully not many will be returned.
- Agreed that A4 questionnaire will look less onerous – not in an envelope but folded with something encouraging on outside. After consideration of freepost, it was agreed to find places for collection. Check with Spotlight printer to see if competitive quotation can be provided and if inserts can be provided, But note complexities with this.
- Will need the 5500 or so for the delivery, plus extras when approaching groups.

CARNIVAL

- Carnival stand will use the WNC marquee. WNC trying to fund a display stand @ £300 and banner @ £200 either through the lottery funding or elsewhere
- Display will cover what is a Neighbourhood Plan and publish objectives. Lucky dip will attract people to provide email address, what do you like about Werrington, what don't you like about Werrington and what can be done to improve Werrington (on flip charts) and to provide consensus on objectives.

SPOTLIGHT:

- Spotlight will include an update and a request for further support including financial support for the distribution of the questionnaire. This will then help move things forward.

CHARACTER ASSESSMENT: A character assessment will need to be undertaken to define the separate areas of Werrington. Peakirk gives a good example. Community engagement will be needed to complete this. This seems a good project to plan next and to get community engagement after a slow start.

NEXT STEPS:

Report back to Forum, Agree the Consultation and basis of Questionnaire, launch the character assessment