



## Neighbourhood Plan Policy Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday 20 February 2024 at 7pm  
Methodist Chapel, Naseby

**Present:** Sue Turner, Nic Green, AJ Green, Paul Kelly, James Fanshawe, Sylvie Farrington, David Brodala, Anita Wood, Paul Reedman, Myron Osborne, Barry Roberts, Mark Clement (chair), Gary Kirk (YourLocale), Claire Booth.

**Apologies:** Joanne Clement, Andy Tresias, Matt Ellis.

### MINUTES

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were noted

#### 2. Declarations of interests

No declarations of interests were reported

*NB Failure to declare an interest could lead to challenges, for example from residents whose suggestions have not been adopted or landowners whose sites have not been earmarked as suitable for development.*

#### 3. Minutes of meeting held 15 January 2024

These were agreed.

#### 4. Funding

Our current funding for Locale is for the current financial year. Parish Council to check if Locale can invoice in March for work to be done in April. Going forward we will need to re-apply for the next financial year and this may cause delays in funding if the window to claim is delayed.

#### 5. Technical support

Meeting with AECOM has taken place. The time scale for the draft report is 2 to 4 months, their funding continues into the next financial year. There will be a further meeting with them hopefully this month. They will make projections on what housing may be needed in the future and also design guides for housing features.

Concern again expressed about the terms of reference for AECOM and whether their report will reference our rural community context. This included concerns about parking, infrastructure needs in the future including water, electricity, sewerage system.

Gary confirmed that the report will be informed by what we say to them and we will get a draft to consider and we can challenge it at that stage. The report from AECOM will be the evidence base for our neighbourhood plan.

**Action - AECOM to be asked for their terms of reference at the initial call.**

## 6. Questionnaire

Mark thanked all those involved in the questionnaire, posters and flyer for all their work. The questionnaire is now available online with Survey Monkey. Paper copies are available in the shop. The flyer has been distributed to every property in the village.

We have had 61 responses for far. Extra laminated posters to be put up before the open event. Any completed paper copies are being put on to Survey Monkey by the team.

Visitors to the open event to be encouraged to complete the questionnaire.

The deadline for the return of the questionnaire to be extended to **April 7<sup>th</sup>**. This will mean another push to encourage completion can be put in Naseby News which is due to be circulated just before Easter ie the end of March. Paul will submit an article about the Neighbourhood plan for Naseby News. Pictures of the open event will hopefully also be included.

## 7. Logo update

It was agreed that we do not need a logo until the final document is being prepared so this is not urgent

## 8. Open Event

Arrangements for the event on 2 March 2024 were confirmed. The large maps of the village area and parish have been received from West Northants council so can be used for the event.

### Village confine and potential planning permission

Gary explained that the levels used for planning by Daventry District Council and South Northants Council were different. The amount of development allowed depended on what level the settlement was in.

- Daventry had two levels ie T1 –development allowed eg Brixworth, T2 limited development because of lack of infrastructure (Naseby was T2)
- South Northants had three ie T1, 2a, 2b.

West Northants will need to rationalise the levels and decide what to use now. This affects the 'village confine' idea ie to only allow housing within the village confine (boundary) or to adapt this to allow some development outside of the boundary. We can decide if we want to change the village boundary so that development could be outside the village boundary if appropriate. If we did not have a local plan West Northants would decide this.

The value of land is significantly higher **inside** the village boundary because it can be used for development. A landowner can request planning permission. Affordable housing is often built **outside** the village boundary because the land is of much lower value and so planning permission would not otherwise be given for this land. This provides the subsidy for affordable housing development and so then becomes a more attractive option for a developer.

We will need to decide if we want our plan to only go to 2029 or whether it should be for a longer period eg 15 + years.

## **9. Land Ownership**

This has now been completed with a map available of landowners that has no data protection issues. There is currently one option for housing for the field opposite the village hall, this is outside the village boundary.

## **10. Focus Groups**

The next stage will be to set up the two or three focus groups and aim to launch them in April ie at our next meeting. Focus groups likely to be

- Housing - Gary will facilitate this group
- Environment – John Marting will facilitate this group
- Sustainability (possibly) eg community facilities, transport ..

Visitors to the open event will be encouraged to join us. Ideally we want about 6 people per group. This stage may last about 6 months

## **11. Date of next meeting**

To be confirmed

## **12. Any other business**

- The planning application for the A14 junction 1 has now been withdrawn
- Wormsfield Farm, Clipston (near A508) was given planning permission for an anaerobic digester fed with a mixture of agricultural waste and energy crop eg maize in 2017. Some site preparation and ground investigation work has been done. A subsequent application was made in October 2023 to check that the preparation work means they can now legally implement the scheme. Use of 'approved traffic routing' is mentioned in the permission but it not clear what routes these are. This development may take place now and Naseby is within the catchment area. It may lead to more heavy traffic coming through Naseby.

Meeting closed 8.50 pm

Signed: ..... Date: \_\_ April 2024

Mark Clement – (Committee Chair) / Barry Roberts – (Committee Vice Chair)