

MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 16th September 2015

Present:

J Marsden Chairman

Also Present Cllr T Weston K Cotton
J Gibbon C Monkley
B Morgan J Weston
R White

1. Apologies J Finnigan S Rose

2. Declarations of interest
No interests were declared.

3. Report 19th August 2015
The report was accepted.

4. Report of 1st September 2015
The report was accepted.

5. Vision Statement

The vision statement was accepted and signed off subject to the removal of capital letters as:
"Our vision is a sustainable and resilient community in a parish where people want to live and work and which, while accepting evolution and development, retains its special character."

6. Review of "Issues and Objectives" document

The third column Possible Draft Objectives was reviewed with the aid of the SMART objectives principle i.e., objectives which are/have:

Specific
Measurable results
Achievable
Relevant, and
Timely.

Housing

To identify housing land allocations for a minimum of 23 new homes to be built by 2030 with an appropriate mix of market and affordable units by using:

redundant buildings
brownfield land, and
greenfield land.

This would imply a sequential approach to policy development.

It was noted that the Parish Council gave advice to Herefordshire County Council and the Working Party would need a way to monitor the number of new homes approved against the required minimum of 23.

Action

D Baldwin and T Weston to provide information concerning the approved numbers of buildings.

It was decided that there should be no settlement boundary.

Action

J Marsden/J Gibbon to seek advice from Herefordshire Council Planning Department concerning the position of redundant buildings as windfall sites.

Design Standards

Encourage new housing of a style and size that fits in with the traditional style and character (i.e. consistent with the Village Design Statement) of the parish, built to the highest BREEAM standards, using local materials and labour.

Economy and Employment

Encourage and support employment that is locally based, sustainable and diverse.

Value agriculture as an integral part of our community.

Westons are clearly the most significant employers in the village but other examples include:

Wedding Venue

Meetings at Rye Meadows,

B&Bs supporting a tourist industry.

Infra structure

Broadband and Mobile Reception

Ensure that fast broadband is made available to all those that wish to subscribe to broadband services possibly on a community basis.

Set a minimum speed.

Establish a pressure group which J Finnigan, in his absence, was asked to lead and consider liaising with Martin Brocklehurst who is leading the Kempley Airband Scheme which is being developed with Airband Community Internet (i.e. microwave internet) to by-pass BT OpenReach infrastructure for homes which are too far from telephone exchanges/green cabinets to get much benefit from Fastershire upgrades.

Community Facilities

Maintain and support existing community facilities and increase and diversify the range of activities.

Encourage and extend the use of the Memorial Hall.

Transport

Mention was made of footpaths and the creation of a Much Marcle Cycle Loop similar to and linking with the Ledbury and Newent Cycle Loops.

7. Redundant Buildings Analysis

The Chairman thanked K Cotton and J Weston for their efforts in completing this task.

Action

J Weston to send the completed analysis to J Marsden who will forward it to D Baldwin to be presented for acceptance by the Parish Council.

8. Items for the Agenda of the next meeting

Date of meeting with S Tagg in November.

Complete the review of and sign off Issues and Objectives document.

Discuss the creation and make up of sub-groups.

9. Date of Next Additional Meeting

Tuesday September 29th in the Memorial Hall N.B. Change of Venue

10. Date of Next Full Meeting

Wednesday 21st October.