

MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 21st October 2015

Present:

J Marsden Chairman

Also Present

Cllr T Weston K Cotton
J Finnigan J Gibbon
B Morgan S Rose
J Weston R White

1. Apologies C Monkley H Woodman

2. Declarations of interest

No interests were declared.

3. Report 16th September 2015

The report and the amendment suggested by the Parish Council were accepted. The concern of the Parish Council over the settlement boundary issue was noted and further consideration of this issue would take place later in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan, possibly at the Policy Workshop on 25 November 2015.

4. Report of 29th September 2015

The report was accepted.

5. Matters Arising from these Reports

The Chairman expressed his regret on failing to consult L Wilcox at HALC about the virtues or otherwise of the group commenting on planning issues and determined to do so in the near future.

6. Redundant Buildings Analysis

K Cotton and J Weston were thanked for their efforts in producing this document.

Action: J Marsden and J Weston to provide an introduction for this document.

Additional buildings were added to those included on the submitted document.

Action: J Weston was asked to include the additional buildings in the document so that it could be submitted to J Gibbon and J Marsden for submission to S. Tagg. The title of the file for this document to be renamed to “Existing buildings with potential for development.”

In view of possible unease with regard to the public release of photographs of buildings two versions of the file were requested, one with photographs for the archive/record and one without photographs for public release – the latter version should be published with other evidence on the website.

7. Review of Suggested Neighbourhood Plan Evidence document submitted by S Tagg

The following headings were considered for ‘red’ listed evidence to be provided by the Working Group:

Identification of potential sites for housing within the village: - our Residents Survey Analysis (January '15), Report of Public Meetings (March '15), Housing Land Analysis (June '15), and Analysis of Existing Buildings with potential for conversion (October '15)

Developer interest in Much Marcle: - Juliet Weston and J Marsden will sound out local estate agents and we'll send you a short report on what we find out in November.

Economic Information (Assessment of local businesses, needs of local business community, and perceived strength of local community): - Residents Survey Analysis (January '15), Report of Public Meetings (March '15), and Report of Business Questionnaire (July '15)

Built Environment & Heritage: - Audit of land uses open source data is available is available on the 'Magic' database; Settlement form and character assessment are described in our Parish Design Statement; and perceived quality of the character of Much Marcle is evident from the Residents Survey Analysis (January '15) and Report of Public Meetings (March '15)

Natural Environment: - Perceived quality of local environment is evident from the Residents Survey Analysis (January '15) and Report of Public Meetings (March '15); Biodiversity and landscape audit is evident from the content of our response to Herefordshire Council's SEA scoping documents (Sept '14), which also refers to a number of other open source datasets, and from responses to a recent planning application at Dobbins Pitch - P152411/0 which can be viewed on Herefordshire Council's website

Historic Environment: - our response to Herefordshire Council's SEA scoping documents (Sept '14) identifies listed buildings and ancient monuments, and the Parish Design Statement covers similar material in more detail. It was noted that we have a large designated Conservation Area in Much Marcle, so it is not correct for the checklist to show this as N/A

Transport: - we feel these issues are well evidenced by the Residents Survey Analysis (January '15), Report of Public Meetings (March '15), and Report of Business Questionnaire (July '15)

Community Infrastructure: - see Residents Survey Analysis (January '15) and comments by Herefordshire Council's Parks & Countryside Officer on a recent planning application at Dobbins Pitch - P152411/0, which state "In accordance with the Play Facilities and Investment Plan, the village play area owned and managed by the Parish Council is in need of some refurbishment and replacement of equipment. A village the size of Much Marcle (at 500+ population) requires a local formal play area". The PC has agreed in 2011/12 swings and gym equipment should be installed on the Bartons but this has not yet happened. The Working Group has proposed that work to install this equipment should be completed by the end of 2016.

Action: J Marsden to write to S Tagg with comments on the Suggested Neighbourhood Plan Evidence document and to formally commission S Tagg to complete the Evidence Base Summary.

8. Date of Policy Workshop with S Tagg

Action: J Gibbon to identify the dates that the Bob Dallow room is available and suits the largest number of Committee Members for a 2 hour session chosen from am/pm/evening of Tuesday 24th or Wednesday 25th November.

9. Herefordshire Local Plan Inspectors Report

Working Group members were asked to review the amendments specifically those directed to housing policies in preparation for the Policy Workshop.

10. Broadband Issues

J Finnigan reported on his talks with Alex Leigh. A revised suggested objective was proposed and accepted by the meeting "To achieve and maintain the highest practical and affordable Broadband speed and coverage in the Parish". A group had been set up which was in the process of writing a draft document setting out the problems and some suggested solutions.

One important factor needing exploration was the role of BT and its aspirations to expand the service to a greater distance than 1.5 miles from the village junction (green 'fastershire') box. Although this group was involved with solutions and their delivery it could operate in tandem with the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party and still needed to operate under the auspices of the Parish Council. The Chairman thanked Mr. Finnigan for his report and further contributions.

11. Parish Council Website

The meeting welcomed the institution of a Parish Council website and would be pleased to use it when it began operating to publish all relevant evidence and documents relating to the draft/emerging Neighbourhood Plan on the new website.

12. Neighbourhood Planning Submission and Examination training on November 18th.

J Gibbon agreed to attend this meeting.

13. Next Additional Meeting

Scheduled for November 10th was cancelled.

10. Date of Next Full Meeting

Wednesday 18th November.

J. Gibbon

October 2015