

MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 12th December 2017

Present: J Marsden Chairman

Also Present: J Baldwin J Finnigan J Gibbon R Jolly
B Morgan S Rose J Weston T Weston
H Woodman

Apologies K Cotton R White

1. Declarations of interest

No interests were declared.

2. Report of 14th November 2017 meeting

The report was accepted by the meeting.

3. Regulation 15 submission of the proposed Much Marcle Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman expressed his appreciation for the support he had received, especially from J Finnigan, R Jolly and Foxley-Tagg Planning in the production of the Regulation 15 submission draft version of the proposed Much Marcle Neighbourhood Development Plan (MMNDP).

R Jolly introduced discussion of Policy HO2 – Housing Infill, he indicated that he had reservations and felt that allowing infill outside settlement boundaries needed a clear-cut definition to avoid random development.

Reference was made to the Policy options for review of Policy HO2 – Housing Infill document prepared by J Marsden and S Tagg, which gave alternative proposals for consideration.

Discussion identified that the simplest suggestion to resolve the issue was the removal of the phrase “*and outside*” from the two places it occurred on Page 18, column 1 (Policy HO2 and the policy justification). The meeting approved this proposal unanimously.

S Rose had identified a typing error on P. 30 where the phrase “the parish, including Hall Wood Site of Special Scientific Interest” was repeated.

ACTION:

J Marsden to amend the proposed MMNDP as indicated above before submitting the document to the Parish Council on 13 December with the unanimous approval of the Working Party.

4. Consultation Statement

A Consultation Statement prepared by J Marsden and S Tagg had been produced in a recognised format that was similar in style to that given in other Neighbourhood Plans. The associated Consultation Summary Table and Consultation Summary Report documents were considered.

Consultations had taken place with Herefordshire County Council Planning Department that had an important bearing on the content of the final draft proposed MMNDP were included in this documentation.

ACTION:

J Marsden was empowered to submit the aforementioned documents to the Parish Council meeting on 13 December with the unanimous approval of the Working Party.

5. Basic Conditions Statement

The Basic Conditions statement is a requirement of the Regulation 15 submission process in that it informs the independent examiner of the information that he/she needs to consider.

The proposed draft MMNDP was believed to be in conformity with National Policy Planning Framework, National Policy Planning Guidance, Herefordshire's Core Strategy, and the three strands of sustainable development (social, economic and environmental) as overarching statements and so could be confirmed as 'broadly' in conformity.

Minor amendments on P. 7 concerning HO2 – Housing Infill were discussed and adopted.

ACTION:

J Marsden was empowered to submit this document to the Parish Council on 13 December with the unanimous approval of the Working Party.

6. Regulation 15 Submission Draft Letter

The Chairman indicated that he considered it important that the exact wording was recorded in the Parish Council minutes and that the documents to be submitted were clearly listed.

ACTION:

J Marsden was empowered to submit the Submission Draft Letter to the Parish Council on 13 December with the unanimous approval of the Working Party.

Should the Parish Council agree and the submissions should proceed, it was anticipated that Regulation 16 consultation would begin in January 2018 and that the proposed Plan would become material in mid/late February 2018.

7. Planning Applications Glebe Orchard and Land adjacent to Roseland, Dymock Road

Despite the determination date having been passed for at least one of these applications the absence of the responsible Planning Officer on leave meant that no decision had been taken. The Chairman reported that he had arranged to submit an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan, with reference to current planning applications, in the next (January) edition of The Mercury.

8. Cycle Loop

The Chairman reported that he had consulted the Ledbury Cycle Forum about creation of a new cycle loop and the proposal had been received with some enthusiasm. He would report back on progress towards a firm proposal for the creation of a new cycle loop during 2018.

9. Application, Monitoring and Reviewing the Neighbourhood Plan

The monitoring and review of the MMNDP after its adoption was an important process. The suggested training of Parish Councillors as suggested in last month's report would enable them to apply principles outlined in the plan to any submitted planning applications.

RECOMMENDATION

The Working Party recommends that a simple tabular record of planning applications within the Parish (the Neighbourhood Plan Area) is maintained by the Parish Council showing:

- ! individual planning applications;
- ! recommendations made by the Parish Council;
- ! decisions taken by Herefordshire Council: and
- ! how these decisions relate to MMNDP policies.

10. Next Meeting Tuesday 13th February

N.B. The meeting previously scheduled for 9th January has been cancelled.

J Gibbon

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