

**FOURTH MEETING OF THE MIRFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP AT THE  
PLOUGH SHILLBANK LANE MIRFIELD THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2016 @ 19:30 HOURS**

**PRESENT**

Peter King, Nigel Ruscoe, Christine Sykes (Note taker), Cheryl & Philip Tyler.

**APOLOGIES**

Keith Andrews, Martyn Bolt, Andy & Angela Gibson and Brian Thornton

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Posters publicising the meeting had been distributed throughout Mirfield; and conversations on Social media had taken place. (With no result).

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

It was agreed that we weren't making much headway. Martyn Bolt has suggested that other towns who had completed their plans be approached to discover what their timelines had been. Christine Sykes surmised that everyone's situations were different and we were in the enviable position of having the Design Statement to use as a template. It is deemed imperative that the Planning Officers should attend our meetings. Cheryl Tyler wondered if a meeting at an earlier time would be more convenient for them. Those present were all available for day-time or early evening meetings. Cheryl Tyler asked if approval for a Neighbourhood Forum had been obtained as per the Road Map Guide.

Action Points

1. *Cllr Bolt to be asked if official approval had been granted as per the Road Map Guide.*
2. *Cheryl Tyler to invite a Planning Officer to our meeting for an opinion as to the attitude of Neighbourhood Plans by Kirklees Council.*
3. *Cheryl Tyler to speak to someone known to her who is working on a Neighbourhood Plan.*

**POST-IT NOTE ANALYSIS**

Christine Sykes had obtained the Post-It Notes from the meeting last year and the team perused them.

**REJECTED SITES**

Cheryl Tyler had distributed the link to the rejected sites and said that she, Keith Andrews and Brian Thornton had been to look at the very large site running alongside the railway line near Calder Bank Mills. She said that KMC were anxious to have the public's views on these sites. Others were cited and the reasons for their rejection noted for inclusion in the relevant chapters.

Action Point

*Cheryl Tyler to produce hard copy and deliver to those not able to access the on-line version.*

**THE PLAN**

It was agreed that each would take a chapter from the Design Statement to use as a template, add to and amend for next meeting when the details could be read and analysed before photos could be added. The chapter on History needs no amendment. A density analysis is required. It was agreed that a paragraph written by whoever is Mayor of Mirfield at publication should be incorporated into the Introduction.

Action Points

1. *Cheryl Tyler to ask Amanda Wilcock, who is a professional photographer & Save Mirfield member, if she would take photographs.*
2. *Peter King to find out who to contact re the Canals Trust.*
3. *Cheryl & Phil Tyler to look at Highways and Pollution using the evidence already obtained by Save Mirfield.*
4. *Cheryl Tyler to ask Keith Andrews to develop a new chapter on Flooding.*
5. *Christine Sykes to update the maps and look at the development pattern.*

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm @ The Plough