

Neighbourhood planning steering group

Progress report for Parish Council meeting

9th April 2108

- The meeting notes from the third steering group on 26th March have been circulated. The meeting was well attended.
- At the meeting, I made a presentation on the Hearn report. The slides from the presentation have been uploaded to our Parish Council Website.
- After a full discussion the Steering group agreed the following
 - Response to the District Council's (DC) Green Belt Review
The steering group will prepare a response to the DC's methodology for its Green Belt Review as part of the NHP process. This will form a discussion to determine the Parish Council's response
- It was agreed to progress an application to the localities commission when the new application window opens. The higher level political situation both at district council, West Midland and National levels will be closely monitored
- Requirement for Expertise and General Assistance
To assess residents' views on how the neighbourhood should be shaped in the future and to establish if there is an appetite for a neighbourhood plan, a survey will need to be undertaken which is robust and valid and this will probably require paid specialist expertise. Individuals with project management skills will also be sought as well as volunteers for general assistance with the task.
 - **Liaison with the Parish Council**
It was agreed that this is happening naturally and feedback from the NHP group will be presented at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on April 30th, 2018.
- Communication Methodology
Residents can be contacted directly by email and mail shot. Residents can also access information via the Parish Council website. The needs of those residents who do not
- Open Discussion centred on the following
 - The scope of the NHP can be wider to include social projects.
 - NHP can be used to encourage developers to contribute to social projects within the neighbourhood.
 - An expanding community can add to the vibrancy of the neighbourhood.
- Further meetings will be arranged as appropriate

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