

THIRD MEETING OF THE MIRFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP AT THE PLOUGH SHILLBANK LANE MIRFIELD

ON THURSDAY 12TH MAY 2016 @ 19:30 HOURS

PRESENT

Keith Andrews, Martyn Bolt (Facilitator), Peter King, Nigel Ruscoe, Christine Sykes (Note taker), Cheryl & Philip Tyler.

APOLOGIES

Andy & Angela Gibson

KIRKLEES COUNCIL

Cllr Martyn Bolt said that David Sheard would be standing down as Leader and it could be that his successor would negotiate amendments to the Local Plan particularly regarding the proposal to develop Bradley Golf Course.

COMMUNICATIONS

It was conceded that publicity about the plan would not succeed via social media only, as the numbers attending these meetings signified. Christine Sykes said that there were more members on this committee than there had been on the previous one; but it was important that the experts should be involved at the earliest opportunity.

Action Points

1. *Christine Sykes to make posters publicising the Neighbourhood Plan.*
2. *Christine Sykes & Cheryl Tyler to distribute around Mirfield two weeks before the next meeting.*

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cheryl Tyler pointed out that the guidance notes received from Martyn Bolt had included four different options for the construction of our Plan. After a discussion it was agreed that the format of the Design Statement with relevant updates and additions should be used. It was hoped that the work done on other area's plans would give us inspiration.

Action Point

1. *Cllr Bolt to invite a Planning Officer to our meeting for an opinion as to the attitude of Neighbourhood Plans by Kirklees Council. (As per last meeting Action Points).*

VISION STATEMENT

It was agreed that the statement in the Mirfield Design Statement covered all relevant facts. The following to be incorporated into the Mirfield Neighbourhood Plan:

A document which describes the town as it is today, and highlights the qualities valued by its residents. It incorporates local knowledge, views and ideas, which may then contribute to the growth and prosperity of the town. The aim is to ensure that further developments are based on a considered understanding of the past and present and thereby contributing to a positive future.

POST-IT NOTE ANALYSIS

Although the analysis had been distributed at the last meeting it was agreed that the actual issues needed to be discovered in order to consider them in the Plan document

Action Point

1. *Christine Sykes to ask the Town Council Clerk for the Post-It notes*

NEW ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- Off road parking is now a big issue. Garages are seldom big enough to accommodate cars as well as family paraphernalia. Cellars are never constructed into new homes and as indoor storage is usually at a premium the car is left outside.
- The schools policy in Kirklees is a problem to Mirfield residents because of cars.
- The map showing the flow of development compared to the reduction in green space needs to be brought up to date
- Flooding.
- Wind Turbines & Solar Panels. Apparently if a land owner puts solar panels on the fields the land can be re-designated as brownfield land in the future.
- Population density as the population of Mirfield has increased.

REJECTED SITES

The list published as part of the Draft Local Plan makes interesting reading as there is no obvious reason why some of these spaces were rejected in favour of those deemed acceptable. Some of these are brownfield sites. Martyn Bolt said that whilst we were in a position to offer alternatives to the sites indicated in the Draft Local Plan, it was not our job to provide machine ready spaces for the developer to move on to. It was suggested that the next meeting should consist of a walk-round of some of these places. However, as it was hoped that new people would attend it was agreed that individuals should look at the sites and report back to the next meeting

Action Points

1. Cheryl Tyler to distribute list of rejected sites
2. All to view as many as possible before next meeting

7. Next Meeting: Thursday 23rd June at 7:30pm @ The Plough