

EIGHTH MEETING OF THE MIRFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP AT THE OLD COLONIAL DUNBOTTLE LANE MIRFIELD 23RD OCTOBER 2017 @ 19:00 HOURS

PRESENT

Steve Benson, Martyn Bolt (Facilitator), Lisa Deacon, Phil Deacon, Mike Fretwell, Peter King, Vivien Lees-Hamilton, Leslie Peers, David Pinder, Keith Sibbald, Christine Sykes (Note Taker) Philip Tolson, and Cheryl Tyler.

APOLOGIES Phil Tyler

INTRODUCTION

Martyn Bolt gave a reprise of previous activity. He said the Neighbourhood Plan will carry weight and will help shape the future of planning in Mirfield; not to mention attracting a higher CIL. (Community Infrastructure Levy). Cheryl Tyler said it must always be claimed.

FORWARD PLAN

Martyn Bolt has met with Cllr Julie-Stewart-Turner from Newsome. They have completed their Neighbourhood Plan. A copy of their survey was circulated. Newsome had a prize draw to encourage involvement. It was agreed that the Mirfield Residents Survey of December 2015 could be perused with a view to deciding if it would be adequate to stand as the Mirfield Neighbourhood Plan Survey. Grants are available and would be needed to cover the cost, publication and distribution etc. of a survey. Cheryl Tyler said that as Chairman of CoVoP (Community Voice on Planning), she had access to numerous completed plans. Another Committee member would be willing to come and talk to us about the Congleton Plan which is an area of similar size to Mirfield; but somewhat more rural. It was agreed that tips about pitfalls etc would be helpful. Martyn Bolt said Morley had abandoned their Plan. Meanwhile we could all get on with some research for the next meeting.

Action Points

David Pinder to lead on in-depth perusal of existing Survey and report to next meeting

Cheryl Tyler to arrange a visit from Jenny Unsworth

Christine Sykes to distribute Steve Benson's job list as not all those present tonight had seen it.

All to start research based on the list.

KIRKLEES LOCAL PLAN

Cheryl Tyler said that the inspection was on-going and it could be that it wouldn't get past the 1st stage which ended last week. David Pinder asked if KMC could or would be able to provide figures of the number of houses built in the area since the start of the draft Local Plan. It was pointed out that windfall development doesn't count. It was agreed that the MTC could consider revisiting the Levy on Windfall Sites.

Action Points

Martyn Bolt to find development numbers

MTC members to reconsider Windfall Levy

NEIGHBOURHOOD PROJECT PLANNER

Christine Sykes said that she'd received a Planner from Sarah Smith @ KMC so that we could set a timeline for our actions. Some activities had already been completed and those on p4 were outside our remit. Time was spent perusing this.

Action Point

Christine Sykes to complete on-line and distribute to KMC, MTC & team with notes etc

STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Martyn Bolt said that Newsome had paid for one and found it not to be necessary. Steve Benson said we needed one. It was agreed that our need should be investigated as they are expensive.

Action Points

Martyn Bolt to investigate criteria for one.

Christine Sykes to apply for grants if required.

Next Meeting: Monday 22nd January 2018 at Old Colonial Dunbottle Lane@7pm