

**TWENTY THIRD MEETING OF THE MIRFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP AT
THE MIRFIELD CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB ST PAUL'S ROAD MIRFIELD
4TH JULY 2019 @ 19:00 HOURS**

PRESENT

David Gluck (Consultant), Jo Needham, John Roberts, Christine Sykes (Note Taker), Philip Tolson & Cheryl Tyler (Facilitator)

APOLOGIES

Martyn Bolt & Ian Catherall

CT introduced Jo Needham whose career is Building Conservation.

TWENTY FIRST & TWENTY SECOND MEETING NOTES WERE ACCEPTED AS CORRECT MATTERS ARISING

DG gave feedback from the meeting with the Planners. He said that there was a need to identify a historic core for Mirfield leading to the identification of a historic area. This is something for MTC to take forward in the future.

A discussion took place relating to conservation areas. We are aware of the names of the KMC Conservation Officers. In terms of winning support for the plan to have a conservation area there is a need to demonstrate the advantages and ensure they far outweigh the disadvantages. This is how policy becomes crafted. DG emphasised that the Neighbourhood Plan was a chapter of the Local Plan. If the NP is sorted, it can be cited in all our responses when talking to people. Given the advice regarding tense from KMC the Vision Statement will be looked at again

Action Point

JR & CT to tweak the Vision Statement

UPDATE ON DRAFT PLAN

There are no updates to report. It would be helpful if a report could be obtained specifically relating to Mirfield with data from the Kirklees Observatory, so that a concise picture of the way things are today can be perused.

Action Point

JR to contact Andy Shackleton@ KMC re a Mirfield specific report of statistics compared to the rest of Kirklees & other regions

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

It was agreed that this should be organised as a semi-structured exercise to find out what people want; and to identify the problems. The question should be asked "What it is that Mirfield people want to hang on to?" Several venues were considered, with St Paul's on a Saturday in October being deemed appropriate. Some publicity will be required. It would be a good idea to get a Planner to bring a copy of the Local Plan and be available to answer questions.

Action Point

To organise at the next meeting

RENEWABLES

We need sight of the Climate Emergency Policy January 2019

Action Point

JR & PT to liaise with MB who almost certainly has a copy

FINANCE

No progress as yet

PROJECT PLAN REVIEW

Action Point

DG to update and re-issue for distribution with the notes

LOCAL GREEN SPACES

DG had extracted the details from the Local Plan & will do a draft on to the map provided by the Planners. JR asked about the implications relating to ownership of the said land. CT pointed out that the Vision of Save Mirfield is 'To keep the field in Mirfield'. CT recalled that we had no registered brownfield sites in Mirfield.

Action Point

Everyone make an effort to identify some brownfield sites

DG to liaise with IC to work on putting the information together

JN to put some thoughts about conservation on paper and convey to DG

AOB

A discussion took place relating to the problems caused by pollution. CS said that she had received information in the past from a 38degrees member who had some statistics

Action Point

CS to contact her source to discover if this information was still available

NEXT MEETING:

7pm on Thursday 12th September at The Constitutional Club