

**FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE MIRFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP AT THE
OLD COLONIAL DUNBOTTLE LANE MIRFIELD 15TH OCTOBER 2018 @ 19:30 HOURS**

PRESENT

Steve Benson, Martyn Bolt (Facilitator), Christine Sykes (Note Taker), Cheryl Tyler, Amanda & Michael Wilcock.

APOLOGIES Viv Lees-Hamilton

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cheryl Tyler Chairman of Save Mirfield
Christine Sykes Secretary of Save Mirfield
Amanda Wilcock of Save Mirfield
Michael Wilcock of Save Mirfield

NOTES FROM MEETINGS HELD 22ND MAY & 29TH JUNE (AT KIRKLEES PLANNING DEPT)

These had been circulated on-line and no disagreements had arisen

MATTERS ARISING

- Steve Benson asked about publicity & said it had been agreed that these meetings would be reported in the press. Martyn Bolt said that it should be Mirfield Town Council's responsibility. Christine Sykes confirmed that she always sent the details to MTC. Steve Benson said he would raise it at tomorrow's meeting.
- Cheryl Tyler has contacted Jenny Unsworth her colleague in CoVop, who has just completed a Neighbourhood Plan for Congleton. She has agreed to come to talk to us about her experiences at 7pm on 29th October. Martyn Bolt expressed regret for not being able to attend.

Action Point

Christine Sykes to confirm venue; then ensure that there would be an audience due to the distance Jenny will need to travel to attend.

PROGRESS PLAN

This was perused.

LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

Cheryl Tyler said that major modifications involved Cooper Bridge. The Dewsbury Riverside Project's housing stock has been reduced by 414. Balderstone is still allocated as Safeguarded Land. Granny Lane's Gregory Springs area has been changed from Greenbelt to Housing for 65 dwellings. She said that Richard Hollinson from the Kirklees Team was hopeful it would be adopted by the end of March 2019. Martyn Bolt said that the North Kirklees Orbital Road hasn't appeared on the strategic maps & Kirklees Council haven't done anything about it. Flockton residents are still lobbying the Council about a by-pass. The Cabinet have refused to consider a feasibility study even though there is money for it. Steve Benson said that Crossley Fields School was building another extension. The school roll is 625 and they only have six spaces.

PROJECT TEAM

Christine Sykes has prepared a table showing the details of the team for inclusion in the Plan; but this will require updating nearer publication date.

POLICIES ETC

Christine Sykes has done a paragraph about Battyeford for the chapter about Mirfield's development pattern needed at the beginning of the Plan plus details about the Railway Station. She has received research notes from Steve Benson re SUDS Drainage, Renewables & Coal Workings; and Highways information from

Cheryl Tyler. She produced the print-offs and suggested that the group looked through them to correct, omit or add.

It was surmised that these should have been sent on-line for perusal before the meeting. She said that under those circumstances there might never be a need to meet up and we could deal with all business by e-mail. Martyn Bolt said that the meeting about Open Spaces and Play areas organised by KMC that he had agreed to attend had been cancelled and another one not yet arranged. This is possibly due to numerous staff changes. The format of the policies was discussed. Criteria-led policies make it harder for developers to build houses.

Action Points

Research work done so far to be distributed with the notes

Martyn Bolt to chase up the Open Spaces and Play Areas Information Management Officer for a new date in order to obtain information for that policy.

AOB

- Steve Benson said that the Response to the Environmental Agency was being put to MTC; and hopefully it will go into the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Amanda Wilcock said that she & Michael had attended this evening's meeting at the invitation of Steve Benson via his Facebook page. Christine Sykes said that at the outset it had been suggested that she be invited to do the photography for the Plan. They were given an outline of the Plan process. Christine Sykes said that she publicises meeting dates on Facebook's Mirfield Neighbourhood Plan page

Next Meeting:

29th October 7pm in the Conservatory at the Old Colonial (Car Park not available). RSVP required.