

Summary note covering meetings and events held over the Summer months [June to October 2013] by the Neighbourhood Planning Team

1. Work continued over this period largely through the 5 main Task Groups although there were wider group meetings held in July, September and two in October. There was a break as far as the wider group was concerned through the month of August.
2. We were successful in obtaining a funding allocation of £7,000 to produce the Neighbourhood Plan.
3. The meetings in June, July, September and then October focussed on the planning for and then following this a consideration of the outcomes of consultation and presentation work undertaken at village events during the Summer. This gave good opportunities for the NPT to share some of the work being undertaken, canvass views and obtain feedback. The two events held to date which the NPT 'piggy backed' on to were the Picnic in the Park at which the NPT mounted a display and were present to seek and to discuss concerns, ideas and queries that local people had regarding the process. The second event was a public meeting arranged in order that there be greater knowledge and understanding of a local housing planning application which had been submitted to the Council.
Both events allowed the NPT to share information and obtain more views from local people. The September meeting spent most of the meeting reviewing the work and progress being made by each Task Group. A stocktake was undertaken and the members of each group asked to clarify their position, what work they still had to undertake and what assistance they might need with it.
4. Within the **Environment Task Group** a lot of activity in respect of wildlife habitat survey, footpath assessments and defining and consulting on the valued characteristics of the village. The **Housing Task Group** has been busy analysing results of its early consultations and are now in a position to take the consultation to another stage which proposes some options in terms of a future development strategy for the area covered by the Neighbourhood Plan. The **Facilities, Amenities and Social Welfare Task Group** have reviewed with the help of a lot of people the current available resources and is now considering the future needs of the area and the extent to which this will be matched by these existing resources and what needs to be commissioned as a new build development. **The Business and Employment Task Group** continue to seek the views and experiences of all those living in the neighbourhood planning area to consider how much demand there is for resources to assist working from home or within the immediate vicinity in addition to support to local businesses based in the area. The **Transport and Infrastructure Task Group** have been considering the capacity of the main utilities and the potential for improved local transport systems which would reduce further the carbon footprint as it currently stands.
5. We identified the first October meeting [10/10/13] as being one when each Task Group came with a draft Vision Statement, a set of principles, issues and policies so we could refine and draw them together for further consultation purposes. We aimed to develop a

simple and eye catching survey to go out to all households for completion .This will go out to all houses in the NPT area and we will encourage people to both complete and return them before our consultation event , planned for to get them completed at the point of delivery . We will however on the morning of 23/11/13 be hosting an event at the school to which all local people will be invited and which will have been widely advertised . This event will allow for more detailed discussion about the work, findings and thinking of the NPT and will we hope ensure that more contributions are obtained directly from people living in the area .

6. We are following in broad terms both the process undertaken by Tattenhall in writing their plan and the format they used when writing the plan. We agreed at our meeting on 10/10/13 that this suited our purpose well .
7. Now that we are fast approaching a point when the initial draft of the plan will take shape we have confirmed two of the members of our wider NPT to have primary responsibility for this important task .
8. We have recognised that it is time to further revise our NPT Programme Plan since there has been some slippage . This will be posted on the website along with this summary note in order to keep local people fully briefed of progress