

Minutes of Working Group Meeting 6th October 2015

1. **Present:** Richard Todd, Gary Dunning, Sally-Jane Fell, Betti Tyson, Paul Jackson, Rachel Marshall, Kathryn Wallis, Val Burnham, Terry Wolf. In attendance: Alison Grice-Holt (member of public), Fiona Wilcox (member of public), Christine Cookman (Parish/District Council), David Gluck (Consultant)
2. **Apologies :** Roger Teare
3. **Declaration of interests:** Gary re Item 6c
4. **Minutes of last meeting:** Accepted as a correct record.
5. **Matters arising**
 - Draft forward to plan – Terry still to revise as unable to do so before her holiday

6. **Draft plan:**

6.a Introduction: Section 1 fine with the exception of a verb missing on the final bullet point on Section 1.1 page 5 (re community facilities). People felt that the map is hard to read, and something needs to be done to improve this if possible. Section 1.3.1 re the history of the village needs expanding somewhat.

Action:

- David to add missing word page five
- David to work on map to make it clearer – possibly by greying out the area outside the Parish boundary
- David to expand section 1.3.1 as needed.

6.b Review of draft vision and objectives: The group were happy with the way in which David has changed the wording of this section following our feedback from the last meeting. We need a narrative thread to run through all of the objectives, themes and policies so that they all relate to each other and the link can be clearly seen. This aspect may still need a little work.

6.c Key themes and policies:

3.2.1 (i) The historic core should include Main St and Gracious St and not Tollerton Road. David explained that he hadn't yet pulled together a Heritage Character Assessment, but was planning to do this over the next few weeks.

Action:

- 3.2.1. (i) DG to replace Tollerton Road with Gracious Street
- 3.2.1 (ii) DG to carry out a Heritage Character Assessment of the historic core of the village before our next meeting.

3.2.2 (iii) **Action:** DG to finalise a list of heritage/village assets with Fredda Evers and Gary Dunning.

3.2.2 (iv) Members of the group were not wholly clear about the distinction between DM1 and DM2 and asked if this could be expressed more clearly.

Action: DG to re-frame DM2 to ensure its distinctiveness.

3.2.3 We had a good discussion about the drainage issues. In David's view, we don't have enough evidence of a serious problem with drainage in the village (anecdotal evidence is not enough) to include anything more than what is essentially existing planning policy. He suggested that we leave in DM2 at the moment and see what Hambleton District Council say when they read the draft plan. The group agreed with this advice.

3.3.1 People thought this section was broadly fine. We may wish to add in a criterion to cover drainage, depending on how the above issue is resolved.

3.3.2 This section still needs further work. After some discussion, the Working Group again agreed that we did not think it was appropriate to name any of the potential sites covered in the AECOM report. However we should mention the report and the site allocation work carried out as it forms good quality evidence. Instead we could suggest a maximum number of homes on any one site – possibly in the region of ten. This could then be followed by the list of considerations that would make prospective developments acceptable under the NP.

Action: DG to re-draft this section in line with this discussion.

3.4.1 Firstly, we need to add Huby Village Memorial Hall to the list of important facilities. It was noted that these could all be added to a list of community assets via the Parish Council which would give some breathing space for the village should any of them be threatened with closure or re-development.

Action: Ask the Parish Council to look at the possibility of designating the list of community assets more formally.

3.4.2 This section was discussed in some detail, with a number of questions from the members of the public present at the meeting. It was noted that the section related to developing new community facilities (or re-furbishing existing ones) more generally and not just the sports facility. The use of the word 'recommended' (line 2 of issues) was not accepted by the group. Most preferred phrasing that set limits to what could be developed (using the criteria listed or similar) rather than saying we were pushing for one solution or another. The evidence section may also need some work. As the village remains so split over this single issue, David agreed to try to

speak to key parties on both sides to try to hammer out a form of words that both means something and is broadly acceptable to as many people in the community as possible. The access issues still need to be dealt with if development of a single facility of any size is to be possible. If it is out of the question then this will impact on how the policy is drafted.

Action:

- Terry to send DG key contact details of committee chairs and other key people.
- DG to arrange to meet/speak with these people and then to re-draft this section before the next meeting
- Richard to prioritise exploring further any possibilities re additional pedestrian access or highways leeway re the Robin Lane site. This needs to be done by the end of October.

3.4.3 The group made no suggested changes to this section.

3.5.1 Terry has still to complete the Local Green Spaces Assessment Framework and will do this and return to David. There was some mention that the corner of Gracious St. (with the bench) had been given some form of official designation by the Parish Council in the past. Terry to try to find out more detail about this.

Action:

- Terry to complete the LGSA Framework as quickly as possible and send to David.
- Terry to check with Fredda Evers re the possible Parish Council designation of the corner space.

7. **Next steps:** We will aim to meet in a month's time with pretty much everything tied up. David will bring his suggested wording for the community facilities policy for discussion and approval. The draft plan can then go to Hambleton District council for their views and identification of any further work needed prior to the consultation phase.
8. **Any other business:** David told the group that a recent inspector's report criticised the inclusion in the appendix of a large number of supporting documents. In the inspector's view, if documents do not directly relate to policies, then leave them out. David's advice is to leave them in for the moment. Final inclusion can be decided on later.
9. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 10th November 2015, Mended Drum

Action points from the Working Group Meeting 6th October 2015

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- Introduction:
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 - David to expand section 1.3.1 as needed.
- Section 3.2.1:
 - 3.2.1. (i) DG to replace Tollerton Road with Gracious Street
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- Section 3.2.2:
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 - 3.2.2(iv) DG to re-frame DM2 to ensure its distinctiveness
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