

**Grasby, Searby cum Owmbly Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

**Meeting Number:** 29

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**Location:** Grasby Village Hall

**Time:** 19:00

**Attendees:** Chris Mead (Chairman)  
Mike Downing  
Julie Turnbull  
Tim Phipps  
Steve Riley (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Mark Palmer  
Janet Brown (Treasurer)  
Rob Bennett  
Cllr Tom Smith  
Cllr Peter Morris

**Agenda:** 1. Outstanding actions from previous meetings (Steve)  
2. Progress since last meeting (Chris)  
3. Community Engagement (All)  
4. Next steps for neighbourhood plan (Chris)  
5. Actions arising and next meeting (Steve)

**Major Points of Discussion**

Item	Description	Action
1.	<b><u>Actions from last meeting</u></b>	
19.2	Helen Metcalf is requesting all the maps we wish to include in the Neighbourhood Plan document. <b>Ongoing</b> . Chris to send further updates to Helen.	CM 19.2
21.5	The current steering group consultation statement on the parish council website requires an update. Chris will progress. <b>Ongoing</b> .	CM 21.5
27.2	The new owner of Site S1 (see Attachment A) is Craig Peart who lives directly opposite the site on Clixby Lane. Chris will make contact with Craig to arrange a meeting, with at least one other group member, to discuss intended uses for the site. <b>Closed</b> . Meeting held. Site S1 will remain in the Neighbourhood Plan and the current AECOM site assessment. Note: it is unlikely any housing development on this site will take place in the next 10 years but discussions regarding other potential uses of the field in the shorter term, e.g. as a children's playground, will continue.	
27.3	Additional important views are being considered. Chris to send out a draft Neighbourhood Plan annex for discussion by the group. <b>Ongoing</b> . Additional pictures are required. The aim is to agree the top 10 views for inclusion in the plan.	CM 27.3
28.1	Nev Brown is to provide an example of a SEA / HRA screening report containing the questions to be answered by the steering group. <b>Closed</b> . The screening plan from Scothern has been provided by Nev as an example. The steering group look to complete a similar document for the parishes in the new year.	
28.2	Chris will provide Nev with the latest draft version of the Neighbourhood Plan to bring him up to date with the group's progress and to help him formulate any suggestions he may have to progress its completion. <b>Ongoing</b> . This will be actioned once the important views are agreed (see 27.3).	
28.3	With regards to the playground in Searby, Tim has contacted 'Fields in Trust' with an email and is awaiting a reply. A follow-up call with the site owner is also recommended to share progress towards securing the future of this site. Tim and Chris to progress. <b>Ongoing</b> . A response from 'Fields in Trust' has been received, however engagement with the site owner as yet to be arranged.	TP / CM 28.3
28.4	Chris will compare the 1984 village boundaries provided by Bruce Bushby to the latest proposed boundaries. <b>Closed</b> . This information has now been added to the interactive parish maps produced by Chris.	

**Action**

**2. Progress since last meeting**

- 2.1 **Neighbourhood Plan update:** The steering group continue to work on the parish maps, important sites and co-ordinating community engagement on the proposed development sites). Helen also is also working to complete the policies and remaining sections of the plan. Note: Steve to send Chris the draft paper on economic growth in the parishes.
- 2.2 **AECOM Site Assessment update:** AECOM visited the proposed development sites in Grasby on the 14<sup>th</sup> November as part of their independent site assessment. A draft report is expected to be available in the next week.

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**3. Community engagement**

2.1 **Neighbourhood Plan public meeting:** A meeting was held at the village hall on the evening of 27<sup>th</sup> November. 27 people attended including the members of the steering group and the county and district councillors. The main points arising were:

- Concerns were raised regarding the development of sites S2 and S3 (see Attachment A). It has come to light that this land is currently subject to a restricted covenant which prohibits both business and residential use. It is also a wildlife corridor attracting many species of flora and fauna. We await the independent site assessment on all the proposed development proposals submitted during the 'call for sites' exercise performed earlier in the year. Note: Rob will check the other proposed sites (see Attachment A) for any similar restrictions.
- A number of residents do not wish to see any future development in the parishes. This is considered to be untenable; the settlements have naturally grown over the years and will continue to do so irrespective of the Neighbourhood Plan. However, having such a plan provides an additional level of protection on development proposals which aims to ensure future expansions are made in the most appropriate areas (as agreed by the residents) and to building standards that enhances, rather than detracts from, the character of the settlements.

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A meeting was held with David Mullineaux (Village Hall Committee Chairman) regarding the aspiration for the Grasby village hall. David is expected to provide some feedback to the group for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan (likely to be after the next hall committee meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> December).

**4. Next steps for neighbourhood plan**

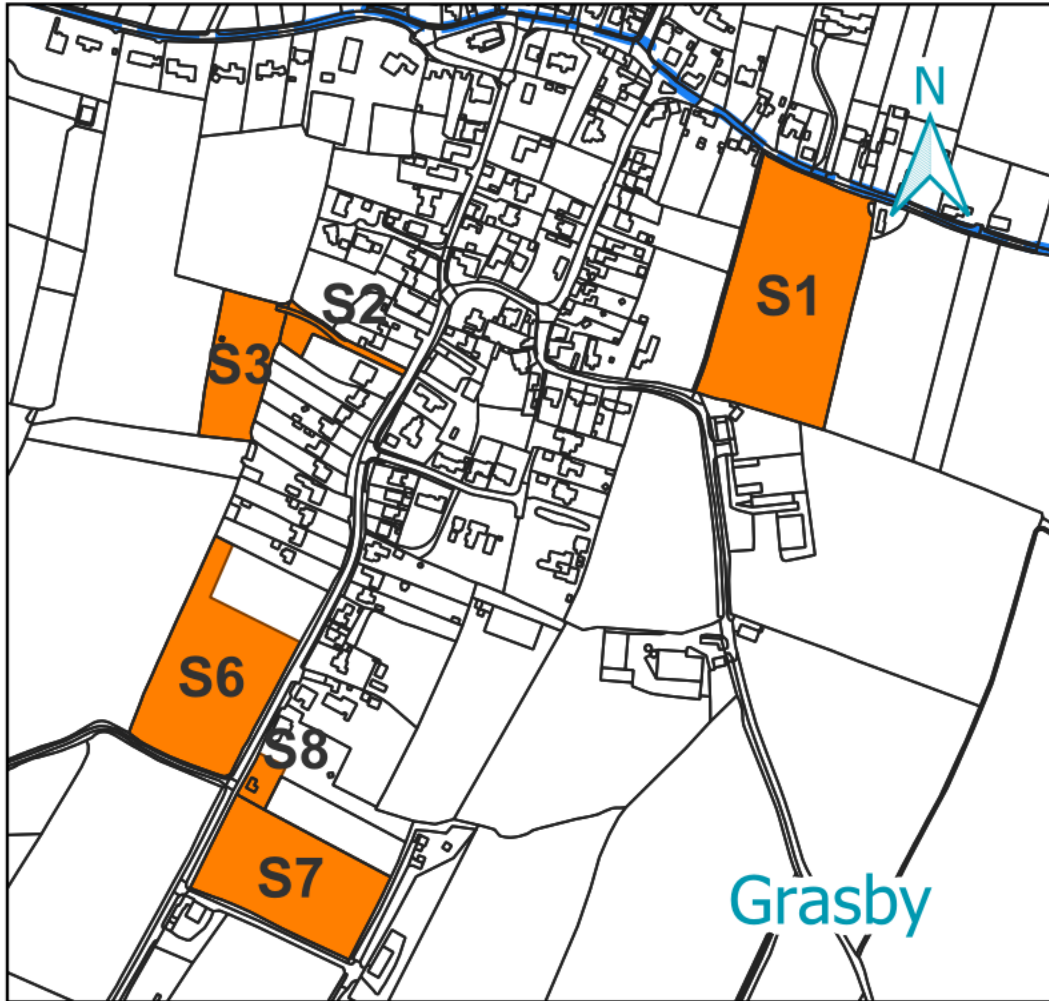
- 4.1 Distribute the draft AECOM Site Assessment for review at the next meeting.
- 4.2 Consolidate important views (Top 10) and collate remaining pictures.
- 4.3 Continue community engagement on the proposed 'call for site' developments Note: formal consultation closes on 15<sup>th</sup> December.

**5. Actions arising and next meeting**

The actions of this meeting were agreed by all those involved.

The next steering group meeting is to be held at 19:00 in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, subject to receiving the draft Site Assessment document from AECOM.

Attachment A – ‘Call for Sites’ Proposed Sites (Grasby)



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