

Grasby, Searby cum Owmbly Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Meeting Number: 30 **Date:** 11th December 2024

Location: Grasby Village Hall **Time:** 19:00

Attendees: Chris Mead (Chairman)
 Janet Brown (Treasurer)
 Julie Turnbull
 Rob Bennett
 Mike Downing
 Steve Riley (Secretary)

Apologies: Mark Palmer
 Tim Phipps
 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. <u>Actions from last meeting</u>		
19.2	Helen Metcalf is requesting all the maps we wish to include in the Neighbourhood Plan document. Ongoing . 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. Ongoing .	CM 21.5
27.3	Additional important views are being considered. Chris to send out a draft Neighbourhood Plan annex for discussion by the group. Ongoing . Draft Annex E issued. Top 10 to 12 views to be agreed, group members to rank the views prior to the next meeting where a final decision on those to be included will be made.	All 27.3
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. Ongoing . This will be actioned once the important views are agreed (see 27.3).	CM 28.2
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. Ongoing . A response from 'Fields in Trust' has been received, however engagement with the site owner as yet to be arranged.	TP / CM 28.3
29.1	Steve to resend to Chris the draft paper on economic growth in the parishes. Closed .	
29.2	Rob to check all proposed development sites for any covenants or legal restrictions similar to the one found on proposed sites S2 and S3. Closed . Land Registry checked and no additional covenants found. However, it should be noted that site S6 has an easement with Northern Power to access and maintain the electricity supply infrastructure, and site S1 is pending ownership registration.	
2. <u>Progress since last meeting</u>		
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. The community consultation period will formally close on 15 th December, further site consultation after this date will be considered by the group on case-by-case basis.	
2.2	AECOM Site Assessment update: AECOM delivered a draft report on 5 th December without the detailed analysis (Annex A) which will be provided at a later date. Post meeting note: A draft Annex A was received from AECOM late on the 11 th December after the meeting. This has been distributed to all group members for review.	

Initial comments on the draft report from the steering group were taken and noted by the Chairman at the meeting. The main points arising were:

- The report is currently considered to be poor in the justification of its findings and the overall quality of the draft. Without the missing details in Annex A, it is difficult to judge the specific recommendation on the reviewed sites.
- Need to ensure the parish names are correct throughout the document, currently some sections refer to a parish in Devon.
- The development density allocations are incorrect, Chris has the accurate figures.
- Direct reference to the Housing Needs Assessment (also provided by AECOM) would be useful, and expected, in validating the report's findings on site housing development numbers.
- No reference to formal government records, such as the Land Registry or recognised listing information is provided for any of the sites.

The document will be reviewed in full at the next meeting when in receipt of draft Annex A.

3. Community engagement

- 3.1 Several private consultations with parish residents on the proposed development sites have recently been held, specifically on sites S1, S2 and S3. A number of emails to support the residents' concerns and additional site information have been sent and recorded by the steering group. The relevant issues have been shared with AECOM.

4. Next steps for neighbourhood plan

- 4.1 Steering group members to:
- Review the full draft of the AECOM Site Assessment for the next meeting.
 - Rank the top 10 – 12 important views for a vote at the next meeting.
- 4.2 Continue community engagement on the proposed 'call for site' developments Note: formal consultation closes on 15th December 2024.

5. Actions arising and next meeting

No additional actions were recorded at this meeting.

The next steering group meeting is to be held at 19:00 in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 8th January 2025.