

Grasby, Searby cum Owmbly Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Meeting Number: 35

Date: 26th March 2025

Location: Grasby Village Hall

Time: 19:00

Attendees: Chris Mead (Chairman)
 Rob Bennett
 Julie Turnbull
 Tim Phipps
 Mark Palmer
 Mike Downing
 Cllr Tom Smith
 Steve Riley (Secretary)

Apologies: Janet Brown (Treasurer)
 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>	
28.3	With regards to the playground in Searby, a follow-up meeting with the site owner is recommended to share progress towards securing the future of this site. Ongoing. Mark will try to make contact directly with the site owner.	MP 28.3
34.1	Review the Annex on 'Supporting the Local Economy' to ensure it reflects the latest comments provided to Helen Metcalf. Closed. Comments provided at the meeting with Helen and Nev Brown.	
34.2 & 34.3	All members to review the latest draft of the Neighbourhood Plan before the next meeting with Helen on the 13 th March. Steve to book the hall. Closed.	
34.4	Place the final version of the AECOM Site Assessment on the Parish Council website. Closed. Now online.	
34.5	Register a complaint to Locality regarding the poor performance of AECOM during the production of the Site Assessment. CM to progress. Ongoing.	CM 34.5
34.6	An email will be sent to landowners and residents who have expressed an interest with reference to the final version of the Site Assessment. Closed. Email sent.	
2.	<u>Progress since last meeting</u>	
2.1	Neighbourhood Plan update: A meeting with Helen Metcalf and Nev Brown was held in the Village Hall on 13 th March. The main points discussed were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on the latest draft document (comprehensively covered). Note: Helen has recently provided an updated version of the plan (version 7a) which addresses the comments received and includes additional/modified maps. • The timeline for completion, including Regulation 14 consultation and completing the screening document for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). Chris and Steve will review and update the timeline before the next steering group meeting. • The number of public meetings remaining. It was agreed to hold a public meeting to socialise the findings of the independent Site Assessment and the subsequent process and decisions made by the group. This will be held on 23rd April at the village hall between 6pm and 8pm. Steve to confirm the Village Hall booking. 	CM / SR 35.1 SR 35.2
2.2	Initial comments on the latest draft (version 7a) were discussed. The main comments are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph 162 on non-designated heritage sites to include a reference to the relevant annex. • Policy 8b, section 17 on rural exception sites to be included (leave as is). 	

- Introduction to make reference to the ongoing government plans to reorganise the structure of Lincolnshire County and District Councils.
- Any stated policy or aspiration which requires the co-operation or action of the Grasby Parish Council or Searby cum Owmbly Parish Meeting needs to be formally agreed with said party. Chris and Steve to consolidate a list of duties arising from the plan to be discussed and ratified by the Grasby Parish Council. Note: an extraordinary meeting of the council may be required to meet the timeline of the plan. Tim and Mark will address the same for the Searby cum Owmbly Parish Meeting via email, e.g. playground support.
- Paragraph 193 on site allocations will be discussed at the public meeting on 23rd April.

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TP / MP 35.4

- 2.3 **Finances:** Helen Metcalf has submitted two invoices, one for work completed and one for the known remaining work to complete. This means all the government grant received for the year 2024/25 will be completely spent. A grant report to Locality is required by 5th April, Chris and Janet to complete. Discussion on a potential 2025/26 grant application will be discussed at the next meeting. Note: currently not open for submission online.

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3. Community engagement

- 3.1 No further comments have been received from land owners or residents regarding the process and decisions taken on site allocations following the last email from Chris.
- 3.2 A public meeting to consult more widely on the site allocations process and decisions will be held on 23rd April 2025 between 6pm and 8pm. Arrangements will be discussed at our next meeting.

4. Next steps for neighbourhood plan

- 4.1 The following steps are proposed:
- Consolidate all the latest sections of the Neighbourhood Plan and complete a full draft to be presented to Nev Brown (aim to complete in next two weeks).
 - Send the grant report to Locality (by 5th April).
 - Prepare for the public meeting on the 23rd April (publicise the event on social media and the parish website).

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 **Thursday**, 10th April. Note: change of usual day, due to other hall commitments on Thursdays the meeting may have to be held in the meeting room at the back of the hall.