

Grasby, Searby cum Owmbly Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Meeting Number: 36

Date: 10th April 2025

Location: Grasby Village Hall

Time: 19:00

Attendees: Chris Mead (Chairman)
Mark Palmer
Julie Turnbull
Steve Riley (Secretary)

Apologies: Janet Brown (Treasurer)
Rob Bennett
Mike Downing
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>	
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. Closed. Chris and Steve met with the site owner on the 16 th April. See 3.3.	
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
35.1	The timeline for completion of the Neighbourhood Plan requires updating. Chris and Steve will review. Closed. See Attachment A.	
35.2	Book the Village Hall for the public meeting on 23 rd April between 6 and 8pm. Closed.	
35.3	Chris and Steve to consolidate a list of duties arising from the aspirations in the Neighbourhood Plan for discussion and ratification by the Grasby Parish Council. Closed. List produced. See 2.1.	
35.4	Tim and Mark will email the members of the Searby cum Owmbly Parish Meeting regarding support for the playground in Searby. Ongoing. An email has been sent and the action will remain open until the end of April for members to comment.	TP / MP 35.4
35.5	A 2024/25 grant report is required to be sent to Locality by 14 th April. It is projected that all the allocated fund have been used. Chris and Janet to complete. Ongoing.	CM / JB 35.5
2.	<u>Progress since last meeting</u>	
2.1	Neighbourhood Plan update: Chris has collated a complete draft of the plan which he will distribute to the group shortly. The following are the main points of the group's discussion on the topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some additional pictures of old Grasby are to be added. Pictures to enhance some specific sections are needed, e.g. Note: a picture of Lowery Workstands is considered a good candidate for 'supporting the local economy' section. Add a picture from Hannah Dale in the 'protecting and enhancing the natural environment' section. <p>An extraordinary meeting of the Grasby Parish Council needs to be arranged to discuss the actions arising from the 'community aspirations' annex of the plan. CM to liaise with Rob.</p> <p>Chris and Steve have produced a draft SEA Screening report for discussion with Helen.</p>	CM 36.1
2.2	Finances: The grant received from Locality for the year 2024/25 has been completely exhausted. It is currently unclear when submissions for funding for the current year, 2025/26 will be opened.	CM 36.2

Action

3. Community engagement

- 3.1 Regulation 14 requires a mandatory 6 week consultation period with all residents of the parishes regarding the final pre-submission draft version of the Neighbourhood Plan. Once available, we need to publicise the draft plan and illicit comments from the community. The mechanism for this consultation needs to be agreed by the group at the next meeting. All 36.3
- 3.2 The public meeting to consult with the community on the site allocations process and decisions will be held on 23rd April 2025 between 6pm and 8pm at the Village Hall. Chris will prepare an update for presentation and Julie will liaise with Janet on providing refreshments on the night. The event has already been publicised on social media and the parish council website. Flyers are also to be placed on the local notice boards. CM 36.4
JT 36.5
- 3.3 Chris and Steve met with the landowners of the playground site in Searby. The following are the main matters arising from the discussion:
- It is now considered the land should be made available for all community amenities, not just a playground.
 - A potential solution to the acquisition of the land for the prescribed purpose would be to agree a long-term lease, say 99 or 999 years, from the landowner to Grasby Parish Council. Mark will discuss with Tim (as a solicitor and chair of the Searby cum Owmbly parish meeting) on progressing this approach. Steve will also independently seek advice on this matter. MP / SR 36.6
 - The landowner has recently enquired on allocating this land as a 'green space'. Chris will seek to understand the repercussions on the provision of community amenities should this be perused. CM 36.7
 - The landowner is keen to make progress on safeguarding this land as quickly as possible. Hence, the group should maintain a regular dialogue with them over the coming months.
- Matters arising: It was felt that merging the Grasby and Searby cum Owmbly parishes under the administration of a single Parish Council may be beneficial, not only in progressing the acquisition of this land, but in the general progression of the community aspirations in the future. Mark to discuss with Tim and Steve to contact Peter on the feasibility and desirability of such a merger. MP / SR 36.8
- The steering group activity summary on the parish council website requires an update. Chris and Steve to progress. CM / SR 36.9

4. Next steps for neighbourhood plan

- 4.1 The following steps are proposed:
- Issue a full, pre-submission draft of the plan to the steering group and Nev Brown (by 18th April).
 - Complete the SEA Screening report and submit to Nev Brown with the Neighbourhood Plan (as above).
 - Send the grant report to Locality (by 14th April).
 - Prepare for the public meeting on the 23rd April (publicise on the local notice boards).

5. Actions arising and next meeting

Chris has a picture from the early 1900s of a large village gathering at the bottom of Front Street. We could consider recreating such a gathering as a social event for the community. Steve to approach Mike on his thoughts. SR 36.10

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, 30th April.

Attachment A – Revised Neighbourhood Plan Timeline

Grasby, Searby cum Owmbly Neighbourhood Plan Timeline (April 2025)

