

## Grasby, Searby cum Owmbly Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

**Meeting Number:** 40

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**Location:** Grasby Village Hall

**Time:** 19:00

**Attendees:** Chris Mead (Chairman)  
Tim Phipps  
Rob Bennett  
Julie Turnbull  
Steve Riley (Secretary)  
Peter Burke (Guest attendee)

**Apologies:** Cllr Peter Morris  
Cllr James Bean  
Mike Downing  
Janet Brown (Treasurer)  
Mark Palmer

**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
<b>1. <u>Actions from last meeting</u></b>		
34.5	Register a complaint to Locality regarding the poor performance of AECOM during the production of the Site Assessment. CM to progress. <b>Ongoing.</b> Registered on the 2024/25 grant feedback form to Groundwork. Chris to share with the group.	CM 34.5
36.6	A potential solution to the acquisition of the land in Searby for the prescribed purpose of 'community amenity' would be to agree a long-term lease. <b>Ongoing.</b> Lease proforma provided. Tim to consider way forward after discussion with his colleagues at work.	TP 36.3
36.9	The steering group activity summary on the parish council website requires an update. <b>Closed.</b> Updated on the website.	
39.1	Chris and Steve will aim to complete a draft of the Site Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Report by the end of the consultation period (6th July). <b>Ongoing.</b>	CM / SR 39.1
39.2	Steve and Chris will review the 6 emails requiring attention after the mail shot and resend the information as necessary. <b>Closed.</b> Emails updated and resent. Note: 162 of the 163 emails posted to Consultees were sent successfully.	

### **2. Progress since last meeting**

**2.1 Neighbourhood Plan update:** We remain in the regulation 14 consultation period until the 6<sup>th</sup> July. To date, the group has received 12 responses from consultees and 1 from an anonymous source. A standard acknowledgement has been sent to all emails. It was agreed to ignore any response where the consultee is unable to be validated and contacted.

A meeting is to be held at Grasby village hall with Helen Metcalf between 10:30am to 12:30pm on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July. All consultee responses received during the regulation 14 period will be reviewed at this meeting. Decisions will be made on any changes required to the plan resulting from this review and prior to formal submission of the plan to Nev Brown at WLDC.

**2.2 Finances:** Government funding for Neighbourhood Planning has now been withdrawn. This will impact the group's ability to maintain funding for Helen Metcalf beyond the days already accrued in this financial year. It is currently estimated that a shortfall of 2 days (£1,100) may need to be covered from other funds, e.g. district or parish council. The financial position will be reviewed at the next meeting which is to be held after the formal consultation period has ended.

**3. Community engagement**

- 3.1 **Regulation 14 consultation:** This began on the 21<sup>st</sup> May and will run to the 6<sup>th</sup> July. All 13 responses received to date were discussed by the steering group. Many residents have opposed any building on site GSO.01 between Clixby and Bentley Lanes. There appears to be a misunderstanding that 6 houses have already been proposed to be built on this land. This is not the case as no planning application has been made to date, nor is it expected in the near future. An anonymous flyer was posted to some households close to this site which contains misinformation which has led to some residents objecting to the draft neighbourhood plan. A formal response to these residents which dispels the misinformation will be sent in due course. Also, where necessary, specific replies are to be sent to other individuals or organisations who have responded. Chris and Steve will meet shortly to collate, review and propose actions on the responses and share this information with the group.

CM / SR 40.1

A reminder to contribute is to be posted to residents on social media as we approach the end the consultation period on the draft plan. Chris to progress.

CM 40.2

A solar farm has recently been proposed on the area of the old RAF Caistor airfield, some of which will be built within the Grasby parish boundary to the south. A public consultation meeting is to be held in Caistor town hall tomorrow (26<sup>th</sup> July) for the developers (European Energy) to share further information with the communities affected. Steve, Chris, Tim and Rob will attend and report back to the group. Note: a public benefit fund has been proposed by the developer to aid the parishes impacted.

SR / CM  
RB / TP 40.3**4. Next steps for neighbourhood plan**

- 4.1 The following steps are proposed:
- Continue the formal Regulation 14 consultation period until the 6<sup>th</sup> July.
  - Manage feedback from residents and consultees.
  - Prepare a full draft of the SEA Screening report.

**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, 9<sup>th</sup> July following the end of the Regulation 14 consultation period on the 6<sup>th</sup>.