

Staverton Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group

Notes from meeting at Village Hall at 19.00 on Tuesday 19th April 2016

Present: Karen Edwards (KE), Rupert Frost (RF), Tony Glover (TG), Jay Holliday (JH), Carolyn Wilson, (CW)

Apologies: Debs Scott, Anna Manning

Funding:

TG reported that further funding had been applied for from Locality. They have advised that we are not eligible for Technical Support Funding. We are awaiting their decision on further grant funding for the NDP project.

Report on Questionnaire:

JH reported that the final number of questionnaires returned is 143. This represents a 66% return rate. A detailed report was then distributed to every one showing how the responses will be used to guide future policies.

Further consultation:

It was noted that as the policies are being written, further input from parishioners will be required. A further consultation event will be organised once production of the policies are at a stage where all required questions can be addressed at the same time.

Vision Statement:

CW pointed out that a Vision Statement will be required and offered a number of suggestions. It was decided that the group should assess the returned questionnaires to formulate the most accurate Vision Statement. Once produced, the Vision Statement should be agreed upon by the parishioners. It was decided that a vote be held at the upcoming Parish Meeting to discern the public's acceptance of the statement.

Vision Statement & Proposed Policies:

CW explained that, prior to commencing work on the policies, we need to have a base line to refer to. This will be the Vision Statement and it must define the objectives for all the policies. The policies will expand further on how the objectives are to be met.

CW also presented a number of documents regarding potential policies. These were collected from NDP's from other parishes. Out of 23 possible policies, 10 were thought to have a bearing on Staverton. The 1st suggested policy related to 'Protecting & Enhancing the Landscape and Local Countryside Character'. It was decided to start work on, and get to grips with, this policy first. We can then progress on to other policies one by one.

NDP Project Plan:

DS has produced an updated version of the NDP Project Plan, as recommended by DDC. It was agreed that we should continue to use this and keep it continually updated.

Volunteers:

KE reminded us that a number of volunteers had come forward at the communications event. It was decided that we should analyse the data from the questionnaires and finalise which policies we intend to produce before seeking assistance from potential new Working Group members. KE offered to email all those who have put their names forward and explain the situation.

The meeting closed at 21.20.

The next meeting was suggested Wednesday 4th May.