

Staverton Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group

Notes from meeting at 19.00 on the 17th May 2016 at the village hall.

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

Apologies: Anna Manning, Debs Scott

Guests: Jo Gilford, Chair - Staverton Parish Council (JG)

John Golding Staverton Parish Council

Alan Chantler Daventry District Council

TG – Grant funding has been sent to the Parish Council. Invoices for the Parish News and the Village Hall hire have been submitted.

CW – The first drafts of policies S1, S2 & S3 have been produced. They will need to be discussed at the next meeting.

The group welcomed Alan Chandler, NDP Portfolio holder at DDC.

A brief update was given by the group as to their progress so far.

AC – Confirmed the correct order of actions:

Questionnaire, Mission Statement, Objectives, Policies.

Next steps:

Further public consultation, present to PC, present to DDC, Examination, Consultation, Referendum, Adoption.

We should take careful note of any ‘suggestions’ made during the examination.

JG to supply committee papers relating to reports from the examiner.

If the NDP is not accepted by the Parish, it must be re-submitted.

Staverton Parish Council is the Qualifying Body. The plan must comply with the West Northants Joint Core Strategy. (policy R1 does not recommend development in the countryside). As we adjoin Daventry Town, special considerations must be given to Daventry growth (Sustainable Urban Extensions). We must also have regard to the National Planning Policy Framework (see their website for details).

Special Landscape Areas and Conservation Areas should be included in the plan. They still carry weight. DDC do not have 'Green Belt'. They have 'Green Wedge' to maintain separation between settlements.

Developments should integrate into the community. Affordable housing should be mixed in with other developments. Currently, 5 or more houses should have 40% affordable housing. This may soon increase to 10 houses. **AC** stated that an additional weighting is given to local people. However, these individuals would still be considered in the context of the Council's general points allocation list.

The Village Design Statement is still very useful and we should still produce one.

There is a review of conservation areas due soon.

AC confirmed that we are not a Business Designated Area. As this is the case **AC** was unsure as to whether or not Businesses get a vote in the referendum. They should "Meet eligibility criteria to vote in a local election for the area and live in the referendum area". **KE** has offered to speak to Tom James, the NDP contact at DDC, to confirm.

AC also confirmed that, whilst there are a number of current policies e.g. WNJCS up for review, we should continue to 'fit' our plan to the existing version of plans. **AC** stated that if we have completed our plan before the reviews are adopted, then it will **not** have to be amended to reflect any new versions of plans. He confirmed The Nominated Milton Keynes Growth Area figures have been taken into account already.

AC stated that **NO** numbers are required in the plan, rather something along the lines of 'moderate growth at a moderate pace' may be more suitable.

AC talked about restricting development to the 'Settlement boundary' as opposed to Village Confines.

AC stated that Bungalows / Retirement Developments may be a feasible option for a number of our older parishioners to move / downsize to. It could be included in the plan but a willing developer would need to be found (many are not). It was noted that bungalows have different build specifications e.g. wider doors etc. Also, there is no guarantee that these would be sold as a condition to Parishioners.

JG kindly offered to liaise with DDC to ascertain the status (if any) of the 1990 version of the VDS.

AC then answered a number of questions from the working group before leaving the meeting at 20.40. Our sincere thanks to him for attending.

It was decided to review the draft policies at the next meeting.

The next meeting to be held on Tuesday 30th May at 19.00.

The meeting closed at 21.00.