

Austrey Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Meeting held on Sept 20th 2023 at the Village Hall

Present: Sam Goldney-Neate, Terry Webb, Neil Hayward, Elaine Horton

Louise Kirkup via zoom

Apologies: Pete Yates, Luke Baxter

The steering group welcomed new member Louis Mosley.

SGN shared enlarged maps of the village for use in the NDP.

Local Green Space Assessment Table

The group continued to complete the table, taking into account the conditions set out in NPPF as described at last meeting, and adding information regarding the value to the village of each location. EH to update the table and share with the group.

All areas previously deemed to meet the NPPF S.102 criteria to remain in the table, with one addition, namely the area numbered (4) in the previous minutes. (Small plot of land on Orchard/Newborough Close). This area would be much enhanced by the addition of some fruit trees, which would provide a pleasant area for the village to enjoy and therefore be of demonstrable value. NH to research grant from Coronation funding.

It was agreed that the areas which do meet the NPPF criteria also reflect the great affection with which these areas are held, and the value they add to village life in terms of health, exercise, social interaction, (particularly as an antidote to loneliness), improvement of mental health and sense of community.

Discussion was had about the definition of 'extensive' as it is included in NPPF S.102(c). LK reiterated there is no statutory definition, but there is some case law. LK referenced a document regarding Chaddesley Corbett's NDP review with regard to Local Green Spaces, which gives valuable insight into this issue. EH to share document with the group.

SGN to check the boundaries of the areas from the assessment table and mark them on the map for LK to digitize.

Once this is done, landowners of the areas included in the table will be contacted, LK to provide wording for letters. Where the landowners of included areas are unknown, this to be shared on the Austrey PC website requesting that landowners contact the NDP Steering Group.

A question arose about the playground at the Playing Fields, TGW to research grants for more play equipment.

Views

A map is in the existing NDP showing views which the community seeks to protect. EH to visit and photograph, and update the Steering Group if any changes/obstructions.

Photo competition 'Calling all Photographers'

Ad to be placed on FB, the village WhatsApp group, the PC website, in the pub, shop, and via the school. Submissions to be made with full permission for use in NDP. Winner to receive £50 (cover photo), honourable mention for the runners up.

Design Codes

SGN to email TGW re AECOM and Design codes.

ACTIONS

SGN - Check boundaries of LGS areas and advise LK

Email TGW re Aecom meeting schedule

Consider issues of speeding with PCSO

Contact LB re aerial drone shots

Enquire re possible repairs to recreation ground driveway (from last meeting actions)

LK - Provide wording for landowners letters

TGW - Research possible funding for Playing Fields playground

NH - Research possible funding for trees at Orchard/Newborough Close LGS.

Enquire re cost of LED speeding signs with his ctct at WCC Highways (last meeting actions)

EH - Email group updated LGS assessment table with minutes

Email group re Chaddesley Corbet NDP review (LGS)

Visit 'views' locations and report back

Contact Austrey Walking group re walk maps, and contact Marina at WCC re gates and footpaths esp. Wulfric Ave/Church gate. Also to send updated email distribution list to the group. (last meeting actions).

Next meeting Thurs Oct 19th at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.