

## **Austrey Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group**

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at Austrey Village Hall

Present: Sam Goldney-Neate, Neil Hayward, Pete Yates, Terry Webb, Elaine Horton, Louise Kirkup via zoom.

Apologies: Luke Baxter, Rose McGrath

The Steering Group welcomed newly elected Local Councillor Brynнен Ririe.

**SGN** reported that Lyndsey Treadwell was in the process of updating the Parish Council website with regard to the NDP.

It was agreed that the business of the meeting needed to focus on the recent questionnaire responses. Other items on the agenda regarding Local Green Space and Sense of Community document were re-tabled for the next meeting.

The SG considered the responses to the informal consultation on the key planning issues in May 2023 and identified where it would be appropriate to make amendments to NDP policies and supporting text, and where further work is needed by the steering group members to consider changes.

This included consideration of possible additional Local Green Spaces and a review of the important public views. Many comments / suggestions for changes are covered in existing NDP policies or are included in the proposed amendments already identified by the steering group, some are addressed in the NWBC Local Plan, and some cannot be addressed through the NDP. In addition there were comments related to issues with traffic management, parking and PROW which could be considered as future actions led by the Parish Council. The SG agreed to refer these to the Parish Council for their consideration.

Further discussions resulting from comments in the questionnaire included access for mobility scooters, the provision of maps for local walks, possible speed limits (non-mandatory?) in the village, public footpaths and issues with access, bridleways, a 'walking bus' for primary school children to be delivered to school without parents needing to drive, and promoting cycling and walking in general.

Regarding Design Codes, TGW reported that he had some material regarding design codes as mentioned in the questionnaire and would share them with the group.

LK reported that the Localities Fund for her work has still not opened for grant applications. SGN said possibly PC could cover costs in the interim and would check. LK to advise SGN of costs for PC to consider.

Actions resulting from questionnaire response review:

**SGN** to review proposed Local Green Spaces including those suggested by residents in the consultation against the criteria in the NPPF

**SGN** to review important public views including those suggested by residents in the consultation

**SGN** to prepare list of possible future actions for the Parish Council from consultation responses.

**EH** to email SGN re this.

**LK** to update NDP document generally in light of responses to consultation.

**TGW** to submit materials re Design Codes.

**NH** to review mobility access, dropped kerbs and benches in the village.

**SGN** to check if PC would pay for speed limit signs in the village.

**TGW** to consult primary school head or PTA re 'walking bus'.

**EH** to contact Austrey Walking Group regarding local walks and possible brochures.

**SGN** to ask PC to consider paying Kirkwells for work undertaken to date this financial year as the Locality grant process is still not open.

**Next meeting scheduled for 31 August at 6.30 pm in the Village Hall.**