

## Austrey Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group

### Minutes of meeting held Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 6.30 in the village hall.

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

Louise Kirkup via zoom.

Apologies: Luke Baxter, Louis Mosley

#### **Agenda**

Outstanding items from last meeting's action list were reviewed as follows.

**SGN – Checking green space boundaries** for digital inclusion on maps – Forward action to next meeting.

**AECOM** design codes meeting with TGW scheduled for Oct 27. PY and NH to attend also, together with Dave Chapman from Locality.org. LK advised the group to discuss sustainability, village wide design codes, emphasis on age and character of many buildings in the village. LK advised Locality will at some stage want to visit the village, which will provide a good opportunity to demonstrate green spaces, views, quality of life etc.

**Speed issues with PCSO.** NH reported that law has changed in 2022, and signs etc. can only be installed if backed up with data from police, which Austrey currently does not have. Village is not permitted to put up own signs. A 12mth moratorium now exists re new applications for signage in any case, unless new information comes up.

**Drone shots** – LB to take general shots of the village for use in NDP to demonstrate beauty of the village and the green spaces.

**Driveway to Playing Fields** – part of roadway is Class C and therefore the responsibility of the County Council, who are scheduled to come to a PC meeting to discuss repairs.

**LK - Wording for letters to landowners** regarding Local Green Space designation sent to EH. EH to retain until letters need to go out.

**TGW - Funding for improving play equipment area at Playing Fields**, no progress to date.

**Walking Bus** – TGW had productive meeting with head of primary school, who is supportive of the idea and has canvassed parents via their WhatsApp group to see if any interest, both in using a walking bus and also volunteering to assist. TGW advised that year 6s walk to school already, also some 20 students are in school early for breakfast club, so there may be limited demand.

**NH - Green Space Orchard CI/Newborough CI.** Funding for possible addition of fruit trees has been applied for, EH emailed Climate Change Specialist at NWBC, who is managing the application process. Currently awaiting response.

**Speed awareness/signage,** see above.

**Re benches around the village** – agreed that many people are not in favour of benches. Previously benches had been removed following public objection, and that there are in any case currently no funds to support this.

**EH - Views** previously included in NDP have been visited, EH to write a descriptive piece about each.

**Walks** – EH to spk to Austrey Walking Group at the village showcase on Oct 21 to discuss making leaflets of popular walks, which could be made available online and in the shop, pub etc.

**Kissing gate between Wulfric Ave and Church Rd,** currently unusable by anyone with mobility scooter. This gate may have been installed by the builder, therefore may not be WCC responsibility. EH to check this with Marina Kirchem at WCC.

## **Views**

SGN shared a table showing comments from the public questionnaire regarding special/additional views around the village. The original exercise was carried out by a group called INSPIRES, in reaction to possible wind farms in the area. (Views listed on p11 of current NDP). It is understood INSPIRES no longer exists as a group. The SG discussed the views suggested from the questionnaire, EH to update the table shared by SGN and send back to the SG in time for next meeting.

## **Draft Plan**

It was agreed that next meeting should be devoted to reviewing the current 'clean' draft version of the new NDP document (V3). LK asked that everyone read the document prior to the next meeting and let EH have any observations/feedback to collate before that date. Next stage after that is for draft NDP to be submitted to NWBC for review.

## **Actions**

**SGN** Check Green space boundaries for digital version.

**EH** Contact WCC re kissing gate. Collate responses/feedback after group reads the draft plan for next meeting. Update and share table re views. Contact Austrey Walking Group re walk leaflets.

**ALL** Read V3 of Draft Plan prior to next meeting and advise EH any comments or feedback.

Next meeting scheduled for Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm in the village hall.