

Austrey Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group

Minutes of meeting held Thursday February 22nd 2024 at the Village Hall

Present: Sam Goldney-Neate, Terry Webb, Elaine Horton, Louise Kirkup via Zoom

Apologies: Pete Yates, Neil Hayward

SGN asked LK re flooding, and how this should be addressed in the NDP. LK agreed this was important to discuss and include, in relation to the frequency of flooding now being experienced in the village and how design codes and sustainable development may be preventative factors for future risk. LK asked the group to record dates and locations of floods, the most recent being at Nether End 3 times in 4 months, as evidence should be presented in the NDP sustainability section. Tom from AECOM also to contribute to this.

SGN said that people have had to take emergency measures (such as digging deeper trenches to divert water etc) particularly in Bishops Cleeve to prevent flood water jeopardising their homes.

SGN said that NH has been in contact with Severn Trent about improving drainage in this area for several years, but progress is very slow.

Agenda items

Maps – SGN to mark Local Green Spaces boundaries on map for LK to digitize.

Views – finalise table of views, need photo from each vantage point to be taken, SGN to ask Andy.

Cover photo for new NDP has been chosen.

Local Green Spaces – EH to review and finalise wording.

LK has shared letter for owners of Local Green Space, EH has it on file. Date to be sent TBA, will need names and addresses.

LK sent latest version of NDP in January, EH to resend to the group via email for review.

AOB

AECOM are still to submit their report re Design Codes, after which the revised NDP document will be ready to send to the council for the initial review. After that is done, the NDP will be ready for public consultation. There being nothing else to complete prior to AECOM input, the next meeting will be scheduled once that information is to hand.

EH shared that the Austrey Community Orchard project is now a go, on a small grassy area between Orchard Close and Newborough Close. Trees are being provided by Warwickshire County Council, under a grant funded by the Kings Coronation Living Heritage Fund, and will be planted by the WCC Forestry Team. Thanks due to NH for finding out about this and applying for the funds.

Next meeting to be scheduled ad hoc once AECOM report has been submitted.

Meeting closed at 8pm.

ACTIONS

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SGN to ask Andy for photos from views vantage points.

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EH to resend latest draft to the group for review.