

MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 12th September 2017

Present: J Marsden Chairman

Also Present: J Baldwin K Cotton J Gibbon R Jolly
J Weston T Weston R White H Woodman

Apologies J Finnigan B Morgan

1. Declarations of interest

No interests were declared at this stage.

2. Report of 8th August 2017 meeting

The report was accepted for submission to the Parish Council.

3. Comments received from Herefordshire CC Planning Officer K Johnson

The Chairman reported that he had received further comments from Herefordshire Council, which indicated 'in principle' support for treating Rushall and Kynaston as a joint settlement within the meaning of Core Strategy Policy RA2. In light of these comments it was agreed to use the terms 'Allocated sites within Settlement Boundaries', 'Allocated exception sites outside Much Marcle Settlement Boundary' and 'Windfall building conversions' to describe our housing supply proposals.

4. Garden Plots to the Rear of Monks Meadow

The Working Party discussed the advice received from S Tagg that the former farmland converted by owners into garden areas should be identified as 'Allocated sites' for new housing.

It was agreed that this advice be accepted by the Working Party, the garden plots should be included as 'Allocated sites' for 9 new dwellings, this decision be communicated to the Parish Council, and an approach should be made to the owners to ascertain their willingness to bring their plots forward for development during the Plan period up to 2031.

It was noted that the constraints map for Much Marcle would need to be amended to include these new 'Allocated sites'.

ACTION:

A sub-group composed of J Gibbon, J Weston, T Weston and H Woodman was established with the responsibility of communicating this information to affected residents and of documenting their responses.

5. Neighbourhood Development Plan Page of Parish Council Website

The problems associated with the Neighbourhood Plan page of the Parish Council website had largely been resolved - it now looks good, has the right content and works well. M Barber-Starkey and D Baldwin deserve complimenting on their efforts to address this matter.

6. Neighbourhood Development Plan Documentation

The Chairman reported on the significant errors and amendments required for the publisher format version of the draft Plan document produced by Foxley-Tagg.

Further amendments would include a new section of text and a table showing how we propose to meet the proportionate housing growth target 2011-2031, and indicative numbers of new dwellings proposed for each site allocation within the Plan.

Discussions with Foxley-Tagg suggested that a revised draft could be available next week.

The large file size of the document 22 Mbytes meant that promulgation by email would be difficult.

ACTION:

T Weston volunteered to provide printed copies of the draft document for Working Party members and Parish Councillors once the revisions had been completed. Final careful proof reading was a requested task by all Working Party members.

7. A.O.B.

(a) Time Line

Approval of the Plan document in October is possible before being referred to an independent assessor, as recommended by Foxley-Tagg, prior for formal submission to Herefordshire Council at the Regulation 15 stage.

Regulation 15 submission could be made by Christmas or the early New Year.

(b) Social Housing Providers

K Johnson has suggested that Social Housing Providers should be contacted concerning potential development on their existing sites.

ACTION:

T Weston was urged to cooperate with County Councillor B Durkin in investigating the views of Social Housing Providers.

8. Next Meeting Tuesday 10th October