

Cople Neighbourhood Plan Group

Minutes of meeting III, 11th January 2016 at 20:00

Cople Village Hall

Present: Lesley Cole (Chair), Steve Halton (minutes), Judith Howard, Ged Peeke, Del Armitage, Catherine Bayliss.

Apologies: John Peck

- LC has contacted Sonia Gallagher at Bedford Borough Council re; Gareth Draper who will be advising on the progress of the plan. There will be a meeting to obtain advice and related work. Agreed to meet, if possible, on 25th January. LC will confirm date and how many of us can attend.
- SH has met informally with Cliff and Jemma at BRCC and confirmed that Cliff will send through estimate for delivery of GIP.
- GP handed out sheets in Plain English explaining Neighbourhood Planning as issued by the Government Planning Portal. All felt these were very useful. GP will précis the information in Cople News via regular updates.
- DA has scanned all the completed feedback forms and has identified some initial trends. Ie;
 - There were 28 full responses.
 - 21 out of 28 were broadly in favour of some, small-scale, sustainable development in the village.
 - Most favoured smaller, affordable housing.
 - Half aspire to see a shop/Post Office.
 - 17 out of 28 want to see green space safeguarded and increased.
 - 11 out of 28 would like more cycle paths/bridleways.
 - Most want to see the Five Bells protected and support the school in its development.
 - More general concerns are; school parking and school capacity, creeping development ie; Cardington/Willington expansion, traffic speeding and rat running through the village.
- We need to establish (via BBC) how more consultation with the community is needed.
- We should look to engage proactively with other members of the village, ie; schoolchildren, over 60's, employers etc; as this will add to our evidence base.

Actions:

- LC to confirm date of BBC meeting and how many of us can attend.
- LC and SH to put together funding bid from Locality – meeting to take place in next two weeks.
- DA to talk to Huw Walker re; banners and logo.
- Website – LC to talk to Ian Whiting.
- LC to send Parish Council response to Local Plan to NP group.

- LC to circulate a list of contact details of all NP group members.
- A logo was discussed – any ideas/designs welcome...
- There may be an opportunity to engage with the local community at the Police Commission elections (held in Cople Village Hall on 5th May).
- We need to check the Call for Sites – do we agree with sites put forward? Do we not agree? Are there any additional sites that we may know of?

DONM: Monday 1st February 2016 at 20:00 in the Village Hall.