

KINGTON AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP

Consisting of the Parish and Town Councils

Kington Town Council **Kington Rural and** **Huntington Parish Council**
Lower Harpton Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held on 10th March 2015 in The Old Police Station, Kington

Present: M. Fitton (Chair)

J. Jones (Kington Rural)

M. Lloyd (Huntington)

R. Bradbury, R. Cotterill, S. Williams (Kington Town)

In attendance: Ian Caney

Apologies for Absence: E. Rolls, C. Kibblewhite, R. Widdowson

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Agreed: correct

Matters arising from the Minutes

- 1) **Website.** RC reported that he had held meeting with Mary Tolhurst about keeping the website up to date. MF agreed to discuss problems with MT.
It was noted that several comments had been posted re Housing sites.

- 2) It was agreed that RB would send copies of Claire Rawlings' advisory notes to all members of the Planning Group.

Huntington matters

MF reported that he had met with John Heggarty who had written a summary of the response to the questionnaire. The possible schedule for further work throughout the Neighbourhood was discussed and the need to ensure that all areas had been adequately consulted before any policies could be drafted.

Kington Rural and Lower Harpton matters

It was reported that the questionnaire had been posted to all household in the area.

By Monday 16th it would be possible to assess the response rate. Some concern was expressed that it might be low.

A meeting of MF, JJ, ER and RB would be held in the following week to look at the response rate to date and to decide whether any actions could be taken to increase it.

Kington Town matters

MF reported that he and Bob Widdowson had presented the objections of Kington Town at the Core Strategy Examination in Public:

that 200 houses was too high a figure,

that finding suitable sites is difficult as Hereford Council had discovered

those small sites do not trigger any affordable housing

The Inspector was requested to review these targets and consider amendments.

They also made the case that since the Neighbourhood Plan is charged with the task of identifying suitable sites it would be appropriate for Hereford Council to assist financially in assessing any identified sites.

Proposed Major amendments to the Core Strategy are expected to be published before the end of March, with a 6 week public consultation period, and the final outcomes published in the Inspector's report in June/July.

RB reported that there are serious concerns about other parts of the Core Strategy such as the control of water quality and the adequacy of the County's sewage systems.

Finance

MF reported that applications can now be made to Locality and to the Big Lottery to a maximum total of £18,000.

As part of the preparation for applications he estimated that approximately £10,000 will be needed for KANDP to complete Landscape Impact Assessments and Town landscape Assessments. In addition funds will be needed for a public consultation event, stationery and other administration costs

Assistance is being sought from Herefordshire Council Support team...

Drafts of the relevant forms will be circulated to Committee members for comments before submission.

It was **agreed** to circulate the final account of the spend on the previous grant of £7,000 from Locality

Meeting with Hereford Council Neighbourhood Support Officers.

MF and RB accompanied by Claire Rawlings met with Council Officers to discuss progress and seek advice about next steps.

Officers agreed that Claire's proposed schedule was suitable.

The possibility of delineating a Settlement Boundary for Kington Town was discussed.

Several further sources of information were identified.

Once possible housing sites are identified HC might assist with grading them and assessing them; it was suggested that KANDP issues a call for further possible sites.

Further work

It was **agreed** that a meeting needs to be held with the landowners of **Hergest Camp** area and other interested parties.

It was also agreed that further work is needed on a possible solutions to Kington High Street.

Housing sites in Kington Town

It was noted that several useful comments had been made on the website.

It was **agreed** that a Working Party of interested people should be formed and would meet to consider the suggestions made in more detail, to prepare a report for the Committee.

Group to consist of:

Ros Bradbury, Brian Brown, Ian Caney, Richie Cotterill, David Raven.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday April 14th 2015, at 7.30pm. (venue tba)