

# KINGTON AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP

Consisting of the Parish and Town Councils

**Kington Town Council**

**Kington Rural and  
Lower Harpton Parish Council**

**Huntington Parish Council**

## **Minutes of a meeting held on 28th October 2014 at the Village Hall, Huntington**

**Present:** M.Fitton (Chair)

J.Jones(Kington Rural), E.Rolls

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

B.James, G.Jones, G.Steel

1. **Apologies for absence.** M.Lloyd, C. Kibblewhite, R.Widdowson
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014.**  
**Agreed** as correct
3. **Revised programme of work** to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014.MF outlined the proposed changes in the work programme and the reasons for the change, the principal one being the necessity to spend the Locality Grant by the end of December.  
It had been decided to appoint 2 independent consultants, one to help with Green Space issues, the other to help with formulating policies supported by an evidence base.  
Locality had approved the budget amendments.
4. **Appointment of consultants.** MF reported that the 2 posts had been filled after ‘trawling’ for suitable candidates. Lewis Goldwater, experienced in landscape mapping, living locally and familiar with appropriate software to the ‘Green Space’ post, Clare Rawlings to the other post; she has considerable experience in strategic planning and is already working with some other Neighbourhood Planning Groups.
5. MF reported that a **special supplement** (12 pages) of the next issue of The Kington Chronicle would provide a resume of NP work so far and invite other people to become involved.  
It was decided that every household in the NP area should have a copy, those in the Town to be delivered by hand as usual, copies to people in the other 2 areas to be posted.
6. There will be a **3 day ‘drop-in’ event**, November 26-29 in the Market Hall, Kington on a Planning for Real format, with maps, diagrams, information boards and facilities to enable further consultation with all residents of the NP, the event to be advertised in The Kington Chronicle and on posters etc.  
Banner to be displayed on Market Hall.
7. It was reported that the **Huntington questionnaire** survey had achieved a very good response rate of 60% with a few no-residents also completing it; initial results to be reported to a working group on 13<sup>th</sup> November.
8. An open meeting to which all residents in Kington Rural and Lower Harpton had been invited via a mail shot had been well attended. A small group of people had volunteered to work on the production of a survey for that area.
9. **Date of next meeting: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in Markwick Hall, Kington**