

KINGTON AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP

Minutes of a Meeting held on 14th July 2015 at The Old Police Station, Kington

Present: M.Fitton (Chair)

M.Lloyd (Huntington)

J.Jones, E.Rolls (Kington Rural)

R.Bradbury, R.Cotterill, C.Kibblewhite, R.Widdowson, S.Williams (Kington Town)

In Attendance: 4 members of the public.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th June 2015: Agreed as correct

Matters arising from the Minutes

The consultants appointed to assess the landscape sensitivity, potential housing sites and 'greenspaces' are: Carly Tinkler (Landscape), Mark Owen (Townscape), Lewis Goldwater (Greenspace): funding for these specialists derives from the grant awarded by Locality. In addition Sam Rosilli from AECON, Manchester, funded directly by Locality, has been appointed by Locality to work with the other consultants.

MF reported that a meeting has been arranged with all the consultants together to agree a programme of work. Locality expects that the work of the team will be completed by the end of October, by which time the grant money must be spent.

MF reported that he had been trying to ascertain whether a Community Land Trust would be a useful idea for Huntington; he will provide information at the next meeting.

Report of a Special Meeting of Kington Town Council held on 13th July

The meeting was to inform the Council of all potential housing sites and of the work to be carried out by the appointed specialists. Approx. 25 members of the public were present. Among a number of questions raised was whether small sites would generate affordable housing, the trigger point for which is currently 11 dwellings. Several comments expressed concern that environmental and landscape features should be protected given the setting of the town. It was agreed that the map showing potential sites should be on the website.

Meeting with consultants.

MF reported that a meeting with all the consultants together would be held the following day in order for them to agree a joint programme of work and produce a short description of what each consultant will be working on. They will be asked for advice re a settlement boundary for Kington town.

Huntington

MF reported that he had met with several members from Huntington to assist in producing a set of draft policies that would be concerned with identifying sites of special interest and to consider a policy of cumulative impacts of development.

Kington Rural and Lower Harpton

RB reported that the analysis of the response to 'open' questions was complete and that she would endeavour to produce a full report for the next meeting.

JJ undertook to arrange a meeting with the owner of the land at Hergest Camp asap.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 11th August 2015 at 7.30pm; venue to be arranged.