

# 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 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at the Old Police Station in Kington

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

M.Lloyd (Huntington)

J.Jones, E Rolls (Kington Rural)

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

**In Attendance:** One member of the public

**Apologies for Absence:** C Kibblewhite, R Widdowson

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015.**

**Agreed** as correct

**Matters arising from the Minutes.**

All covered under later items

**Update on work of consultants**

MF reported that the 4 consultants, Lewis Goldwater, Mark Owen, Sam Rossili and Carly Tinkler had met together in Kington in July to discuss how they would work separately and together.

Sam Rossili who does not live in Herefordshire spent several hours in Kington with MF and RB who together showed him all the identified possible development sites indicated on the map, including Hergest Camp and its surrounds.

Since then they have each prepared their protocols and have started to collect data, produce maps etc.

On 4<sup>th</sup> September MF and RB had met with LG, MO and CT in Hereford with SR in communication by phone. Progress to date was described and discussed.

LG has prepared detailed maps of the area identifying specific areas in the 3 parishes.

CT showed a series of maps of the neighbourhood each of which identified specific features of the landscape; the maps can be overlaid to produce a composite picture of the area and will enable a map to be drawn that identifies areas/places that have different degrees of sensitivity. Such a map will provide guidance on where development would/would not be desirable.

Committee members were shown the draft maps

MF reported that SR expects to be able to produce a draft report incorporating the work of all the consultants probably by mid-October. That report will then be available for the Steering Committee to consider.

It was **agreed** that MF will invite the consultants to meet with the Steering Committee to explain how they have worked and the outcome of that work.

It was **agreed** that it would probably be necessary to hold such a meeting during a working day.

Subsequently it will be necessary for all three Councils to meet to consider the report.

A member of the public asked that the map that had been drawn in July where all the sites that had been offered for possible development be placed on the website with paper copies available at the Town Council Office. **RC offered to ensure this happened.**

**Kington Rural and Lower Harpton Questionnaire**

RB presented the summaries of responses to the 'open' questions. Several further paper copies are needed.

It was **agreed** that all members of the Steering Group should receive an email version of the responses.  
It was **agreed** that a final colour print version of the responses should be produced ( RB and RC to liaise)

#### **Community Development Order**

MF explained that Locality has grant money available to fund local groups such as KANDP

- a) to explore whether there is a local demand /need for such an order that could be used to develop particular sites in ways that would be unlikely to be attractive to many commercial developers , e.g. low cost live/work housing , certain types of design (£1k-£10)
- b) to explore and establish a Community Land Trust to identify one or more specific sites (£5k-£40)
- c) RC commented that he had been in discussion with a group in Presteigne and was seeking to obtain more information.

It was **agreed** that the matter should be investigated further to identify possibilities.

**Date of next Meeting: TBA**

**It was agreed to arrange a date, time and venue when the availability of the consultants is known**