

Minutes of NDP Meeting on Tuesday 17th February 2015

Present: Samantha Allen, Hazel Turner, Janet Thornley, Roger Gardner, Bob Sherman, Andrew Patrick, Sean Neill, Linda Ridgley, Marian Millington, Paul Quinney, Jenny Patrick and Pat Summers.
Apologies from John and Sally Stringer

Pat Summers and Samantha Allen gave a summary of what had been said by Neil Pearce. He was obviously very experienced and had a lot to offer but there was some concern that he was unable to provide details of the cost – other than generalisations. It was felt that other consultants should be sought as a decision needs to be made soon and Sam agreed to do that.

Neil Pearce did say that data previously collected by the group should be looked at again – and used. “No point in doing it twice”. He said that the information should be produced as graphs and pie charts. It was decided that 5 volunteers would study the questionnaires again, so Pat would divide them into batches of 50.

Many positive comments were made as members of the steering group put forward their ideas on what should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. The idea of a website and/or a Facebook page was suggested.

Bob Sherman had produced a Vision Statement and Strategic Objectives that had been distributed before the meeting and amendments were suggested to this. He said he would go away and revise it.

Pat Summers gave out copies of a brochure called “Keeping It Simple” by Tony Burton because she thought the steering group was trying to achieve too much. She also gave out a “Retention of Assets” list. Both documents were taken away to be studied and commented on.

References were made to the Whitnash NP draft and Bishops Tachbrook NP draft. Both are worth looking at for ideas on policies and objectives, which will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be at the Club on Tuesday 24th March -7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9pm