

MADELEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Madeley Parish Council, Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee, held on Monday 5th March 2018 at The Madeley Centre, New Road, Madeley, commencing at 7:00pm.

Present: G,White (Chairman), Mrs. A. Bourne, C. Copestake, R. Goodwin, G. Lancaster, Mrs, A Newton, A.Rowley, Mrs. B Ruscoe, N. Speakman, S, White, Hannah Barter-Urban Vision.

Mrs J Simpson: Clerk.

001/NDP/18	Apologies. No apologies were received-all were present.	
002/NDP/18	Declarations of Pecuniary Interest. No interests were declared.	
003/NDP/18	Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the meeting held on 9 th October 2017 were approved and signed.	
004/NDP/18	Joint Plan-Preferred Strategic Options Consultation. The plan had proposed 28,000 homes across the two local authorities. It had been noted that NBC were proposing 2,500 homes on the defunct Keele Golf course on greenbelt land. It was further noted that SOT was not proposing any development on greenbelt land. However, the plan still left shortfall of 2000 properties across the two authorities. There was concern that attention would turn to the more rural areas. A recent report illustrated that the proposed Berryhills largest site in SOT was not viable as it needed £60m of infrastructure work. It was anticipated that the draft version of the plan would be available Nov/Dec18 where proposals for the 2000 shortfall would be addressed. It was also noted that recent national announcements had suggested that Local Authorities unable to demonstrate their ability to comply with building number requirements would be stripped of their planning powers. It was agreed that a letter should be written to NBC advising them of SOTs difficulty with compliance.	CC
005/NDP/18	AECOM Housing Needs Assessment. Disappointment was expressed with the outcome. The exercise had been a table top one. There appeared to be a lack of consistency with the methodology. The 10% uplift had been reversed after comments. However, the numbers were still higher than anticipated. The range varied from 218-416 (upper figure). It was noted that the numbers did not consider other policies that would affect the deliverability of such numbers. I.e. Madeley Parish is 80% surrounded by greenbelt.	

	<p>It was agreed that the group would need to proactively look at options e.g. potential infill sites as the independent examiner would need to see that the group are fair and have looked at all alternatives. It was important to identify what land you would give up rather than have sites imposed.</p> <p>It was agreed that the HS2 impact assessment would be useful to have as an overlay. C. Copestake and N. Speakman to approach Hinson Parry to discuss feasibility of such a proposal.</p>	CC/NS
006/NDP/18	<p>Commissioning of further AECOM Reports</p> <p>It was suggested that the following reports be examined: Heritage/Character Assessment. Audit of Green spaces (this could be done by the group and not need a full commissioned report). However, it was noted that a new grant from Community Rights would be needed to cover the commission of any further consultative reports.</p>	
007/NDP/19	<p>Results of Community Questionnaire.</p> <p>A full analysis would be circulated later and placed on the web site However, the following points were summarised: There was a good response rate of 785 equating to 40% of households Good age range and gender return. Good geographical spread across the Parish. Large emphasis on the Rural and Countryside location. 62% thought GP surgery inadequate. 56% thought policing inadequate. Many stated the Post Office as a facility was missing. Most saw local Greenspace as very important and added the land between The Holborne and the Church (The Springs). Also noted the land at the end of Arbour Close where there used to be a play area.</p> <p>Housing-54% thought there was no shortage of housing. However, it was believed that perhaps the question had been ambiguous as it was inconsistent with some of the other replies. People also identified the old Leycett Village as a potential area for housing growth. There were less votes to encourage good design.</p> <p>Transport-road network struggling and tractors driving too fast. There was a strong consensus that the junction at the monument needed improving: issues with Heighley Castle Way as a rat run and issues with the blind spot junctions on A531/Bowsey Wood and Manor Road on to the A525.</p> <p>Rural Economy-12% worked in the Parish or from home and stated broadband access was OK.</p>	NS/HB

	<p>General Questions-most respondents wished to keep the rural feel to the area and recognised the great community spirit.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that all non- neighbourhood Plan issues to be sent to the Clerk for possible inclusion in the Parish Council action plan.</p>	NS/Clerk
008/NDP/18	<p>Heritage and Conservation report. G. Lancaster was collating information to compile a report. Once this was done it would be circulated for comments. It was agreed that once completed it would form part of the neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to include the heritage and conservation report into the Neighbourhood Plan</p>	GL
009/NDP/18	<p>Grant Applications. The Community Rights web site would shortly release details of the new round of funding opportunities. There would be the opportunity to bid afresh as it was a new round of funding. N Speakman to monitor web site and apply for grant funding where appropriate.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Committee bid for any grant funding from Community Rights that was necessary to take the project forward.</p>	NS
010/NDP/18	<p>Drafting of policies It was agreed that the best way forward now was to “map” the policies that would be needed. The group felt confident to challenge but not lead policies at this stage. Help would be needed from the H.Barter. It was also agreed that this mapping exercise would best be achieved with a sub group.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that a sub group comprising Mrs B Ruscoe, C. Copestake and Nick Speakman would be formed to recommend policies to be included in the plan.</p>	BR/NS/CC
011/NDP/18	<p>Inclusion of Site allocations It was agreed that such an inclusion was too early in the neighbourhood planning process and should be considered later.</p>	
012/NDP/18	<p>Date, place and time of the next meeting. Monday 16th April 2018 at The Madeley Centre, New Road, 7:00pm</p> <p>Mapping sub group to meet on 8th March, 1pm at Knights.</p>	
	<p>There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 8:45pm.</p>	