



BEWDLEY
Town Council

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

NOTES OF A MEETING HELD AT BEWDLEY GUILDHALL ON MONDAY 22nd AUGUST 2016 AT 7.00 PM

Present: Councillor Calne Edginton-White, Councillor Philip Edmundson (Chair), Councillor Derek Killingworth.

In attendance: Nick Farress (Town Clerk), Sally Tagg

Apologies: Cllrs Beeson and Mrs Candlin.

Declaration of Interest and Dispensations None.

Notes & Actions from last meeting

Members provided an update:

- Action 31: Evidence gathering on Tourism is ongoing lead by CEW. Transport storyboard outstanding.
- Action 33: See Action 49 below.
- Action 46: Publicity: TC to provide PE with a new e-mail address in order to set up a Twitter account. TC suggested neighbourhoodplan@bewdleytowncouncil.org.
- Action 49: New storyboards will be produced by the TC as a result of the updated survey results.

Survey Results

Sally Tagg presented the updated version of the survey results. The demographic was spread more evenly, but not surprisingly still favoured those from the older generation who tended to take part in surveys more often in general.

The results did not throw up any surprises, with the protection of heritage and environmental assets, shortage of affordable and retirement homes and car parking provision all "hot topics".

Vision, Objectives and Policies

- The current vision of the NP should now be re-visited based on the survey results.
- Objectives now need to be set based on the workstreams and take into account all the gathered evidence.
- Policies should then detail how the objectives will be met, which should use positive language, be crystal clear, relevant to planning and not repeat what is already included in the NPPF or Core Strategy.

Urban Treescap Policies

This item is deferred to the next meeting but in the meantime will be considered when setting Environment objectives.

Proposed Housing Development

The importance of allocating land for housing was highlighted in order to help potential developers know where the community will support such schemes. The latest development planned for Bark Hill will probably be pre-NP.

Date of Next Meeting: MONDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER, 2016 AT 7.00 PM