

# **MINUTES OF THE ARNESBY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW**

## **STEERING GROUP**

### **MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2023**

#### **AT SYCAMORE COTTAGE, ARNESBY**

1. Present

David Johnson  
Mike Ward  
Andrew Coupland  
Ann Mawby  
Bruce Kerr  
Gary Kirk

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2. Apologies

John Martin

3 It was confirmed that there were no Declarations of Interest from those attending the Meeting

4 The Meeting reviewed the Open Event held at Arnesby Village Hall on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Some 41 individuals attended and commented on a variety of issues which were laid out in display format. GK commented that he felt that this was a good turnout and that the comments made were positive regarding the process and the various aspects about which Parishoners were invited to express views. GK had circulated a synopsis of the conclusions and, overall, it was felt that the majority of existing Policies continue to be relevant and supported.

5. Discussion took place regarding various aspects of the N P Review findings and the following were concluded:

Residential Allocation

GK outlined the issues of having no provision for development within the N P, which put the Policies at risk, if HDC's Plan failed due to lack of a 5 year land provision. GK said that HDC were confident of the position at present, but could not be certain

that the position would be maintained, later in the year. It was agreed that a call for sites should be made by contacting landowners with land within the village area to see if they were prepared to have this released or allocated for development. It was stressed that this would be for a few dwellings only and should follow the Policy determined in the reviewed N P which may dictate affordable or retirement dwellings. It was stressed that there is no commitment to accept any site put forward, but if it was decided to allocate a site then this had to be selected by appropriate criteria which could be justified by reference to the suitability of the site offered. GK to let DRJ have a template for the invitation to be sent out.

#### Affordable Exception Site

Discussion took place regarding the above and it was decided that there would be no provision for the above in the Reviewed N P as the size of development which could enable affordable housing to be funded, would result in too many new dwellings for the village, which has insufficient facilities to sustain such development.

#### Renewable Energy

It was agreed that a Policy would be inserted into the N P supporting the Community provision of renewable energy and it was agreed that this was something which could be pursued and investigated after the completion of the reviewed N P.

#### School Expansion

No further reference would be made in this respect except by way of support for the school's continued existence in the Village, as the P C are not in a position to decide or dictate expansion.

### 6. Aecom and progress to date

Aecom had confirmed that they had completed the design proposals regarding new development within the village and their report would be circulated imminently. Steering Group Members were invited to review and make comments, following which G K would create appropriate Policies to reflect the findings.

The Housing Needs Analysis was yet to be progressed but G K confirmed that he would pursue this with Aecom and a Report would be circulated.

## 7. Policy Drafting Process

GK confirmed that he would start to draft the New Policies which needed to be incorporated within the Reviewed N P. There were however a number of aspects to be determined before this could be finalised as a draft N P.

## 8. Electric Car Charging

GK felt that a Policy in this respect was not required in view of the changes which have taken place within Building regulations and the need for general provision in new dwellings.

### IOS Designation – Playing Field

DRJ outlined the position with regard to the above and advised that the lease expires at the end of March 2023. The Landlord had intimated that he would not enter into another agreement without the IOS designation being removed. This would lead to the Village losing the Playing Field and the School an intrinsic facility, which included off-street parking. DRJ advise that the P C was meeting to discuss this on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and a decision would be made as to whether the Designation should be retained or not. It was noted that even if the IOS designation is removed from the Arnesby N P, it would still stand in the HDC Local Plan until an opportunity to remove the same occurred. The site is still outside the Limits to Development, which it was felt afforded at least short term protection from development aspirations.

### Parking in the Village

DRJ outlined the difficulty of extensive street parking and stressed that any Policy regarding new Development or extension of existing should make appropriate provision for off-street parking of vehicles. GK pointed out that this is to some extent also reinforced by existing Planning Policy under the NPPF.

## 9. AOB

There was no further business.

10. No date was arranged for a further Meeting of the Group at this stage, as it was felt that the next meeting should be held when all aspects referred to above have been clarified, at which time arrangements will be made for a further meeting date.

David Johnson

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