

Steering Committee Meeting 2 September 2020

Present:

Cllr J Crawford
Cllr J Curteis
Irene Dibben
Richard Masefield
Siggi Nepp
Sue Quinton
Samantha Reed
Stephen Sidebottom
Graham Smith
Helen Whitehead

Apologies:

Cllr K Walder Joseph Franklin

- 1. Minutes of August 2020 were accepted and approved
- 2. Matters Arising None raised
- 3. Working Group progress

a) Urban Boundary

Helen re-submitted the map of the Parish with built confines, 300m and parish boundaries marked. There was a full discussion concerning the Station buildings, Glebe Field and Barn Bank Field. The Committee agreed to include the station buildings within the built confines, as they are continuous and contiguous to the urban landscape – also, to include the Glebe Field but exclude Barn Bank Field as agricultural land. The boundary will be amended accordingly. There was a further discussion about the Recreation Ground. Helen will circulate guiding principles, as discussed with Tony Fullwood.

b) Green Spaces and Biodiversity & Wildlife

Richard reported on the work of this group. Assessments have been completed for 23 sites. A lengthy discussion followed on the subject of assessment criteria, relating particularly to public accessibility or otherwise for the Hales Place Meadow site. It was subsequently agreed that the evidence base for site selection will be ready for the October SC meeting. Helen requested a list of sites for mapping a week in advance.

c) Landscape

Siggi referred to Tony Fullwood's new briefing document for AECOM, which has been positively received. She will contact Ben Castell of AECOM to arrange a meeting.

The Character Assessment document is near completion, awaiting mapping by Helen. Richard asked how iconic views are to represented in the Plan. Sue drew attention to residents' comments on views in the May '19 'Post-it survey'. It was suggested that for the digital version of the Plan, views could be interactive. Helen asked Richard for 1 or 2 examples of views the Green Space Group have photographed, to consider alternative mapping systems. It was agreed that other committee members with photos of iconic views should send them to Siggi for collation by a member of the Landscape Group.

d) Routeways

Stephen updated the committee on work undertaken, including mapping, reference to design code guidelines and circular walks to support the tourism strand of the work. Landscape photos taken by the Routeways group are also to be submitted to Siggi.

e) Local Economy

Responses to the local business survey have been disappointing. Results of the High Street Regeneration survey will be available to the Committee shortly. There was a discussion on whether to purchase Goad town boundary information for £120. However, it was agreed that existing mapping demarcations will be adequate. The urban areas to the east of the parish, the St Michael's urban setting, inclusion of the 2 business parks, hotels and heritage attractions were also discussed.

At the conclusion of the working group reports it was agreed that each group is to report on the evidence they have accumulated as soon as practically possible. Irene to liaise with Claire to arrange additional subject-specific meetings as required

f) Communications

The Committee needs to consider when and how to engage with the community, in addition to preparing an NP presentation to the Town Council. To be discussed in the December SC meeting?

6. AOB

- 1) John led a discussion on the Planning White Paper. He recommended involvement with the consultation document, participation in the Locality survey (by 11 Sept.), direct responses to the Government and letters to MP Damian Green.
- 2) On 16 Sept. the ABC Planning Committee are to consider the Limes Land application. Richard has been asked to represent resident objections in a 400-word submission, to be phoned in during the meeting.
- 3) The Committee noted as positive news the archaeological excavation, to commence on 19 Sept., in the walled garden of Elmstone House in the High Street.
- 4) Irene is to inform Kate and Joseph of a recent approach by Webb Marketing.

Next SC meeting to be scheduled for 7 October. Irene will email the Committee regarding additional meetings.