Minutes Lymm Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Meeting 30

Held at: Lymm Village Hall – Council Chamber

4 April 2019 at 7.30 pm

Present: Derrick Clarke, Lewis Denton, Jonathan Foreman, Martin

McKevitt, Cllr Anna Fradgley, Andy Openshaw

Agenda Items

1. Apologies

John Brotherhood, Valerie Foreman, Mel Dwyer, Cllr Kath Buckley, Cllr Robert Barr, Rev B. Jameson

2. Declaration of Interests

None

3. Approval of last minutes

The minutes of the Working Group Meeting held at Lymm Council Chamber on 14 March 2019 were proposed by LD and seconded by MMcK as a true and fair record of the meeting

4. Action points from previous minutes

The following action points were carried forward to the next meeting:

- AO to complete report on data gathered at October 2018 Consultation Day, as there was still some information to be received
- JF to email BB to request that he provides JB with a rights of way map for Lymm
- JB to circulate the journeys to school questionnaire to the Group for approval

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5. Consultants' Reports

Housing Needs – AECOM – still in progress

Design Codes – AECOM – JF reported that he expected to receive a report on progress in the next week

Master Planning – AECOM – JF reported that the application for funding had been approved, and Prati from AECOM will be carrying out the work. He submitted a number of preliminary questions she had asked in order to begin work

6. Community Infrastructure Report

Sports Facilities/ Play Areas – the Group discussed possible sites for playing pitches and considered the 2015 survey by WBC of public open space. MMcK reported he will be meeting WBC officers to establish the extent of educational and other open space required to meet the needs of the new development proposed in the draft Local Plan. The Group also referred to the new primary healthcare centre required by Policy OS7 of the latest draft Local Plan and the other community facilities that may be required adjacent to it.

Audit of Community Facilities/ rehearsal and performance venues/ function rooms — JF confirmed there was no published national standard for public community space, although Cambridgeshire County Council had recommended a figure of 191m2 per 1000 population. The Lymm Festival organisers had confirmed that an audience capacity of at least 300 would normally be required to make an event viable. Jf then circulated a preliminary list of Lymm Parish Meeting Rooms, including Community Halls, Churches and Church Halls, Clubs, Hotels and Pubs, which the Group considered.

7. Environmental Report by Cheshire Wildlife Trust

A quotation had been received from CWT to prepare a report on wildlife distinctiveness and wildlife corridors in Lymm, and advise on the inclusion of appropriate guidance and policies on nature conservation in the Neighbourhood Plan. This was in the sum of £1,650 + VAT. It was agreed that unspent funds from the Housing Needs exercise should be reallocated to this report, with a budget of £1,770, with the balance of unspent funds to be spent on printing costs/ publicity material/ website.

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8. Local Green Space Designation

It was agreed that DC will compile a list of local green space areas for Lymm, based on a similar template to the one prepared for the Knutsford Neighbourhood Plan.

9. Centre for Sustainable Energy

JF reported an offer by the Centre for Sustainable Energy to provide free support and bespoke planning advice on incorporating climate change mitigation and adaption policies within the Neighbourhood Plan. It was reported that Knutsford Parish Council has its' own air quality monitoring equipment, and consideration was given to a possible Neighbourhood Plan policy requiring new development to respect minimum air quality standards and indicate the mitigation measures adopted. It was agreed to ask the Centre to proceed with this work.

10. WBC draft Local Plan

JF reported that a further liaison meeting had been arranged with Michael Bell of WBC on 30 April, in Lymm.

11. Any Other Business

AO raised a concern about use of the LNP Facebook site by individuals posting discussions about the draft WBC Local Plan. It was agreed that in such cases AO should remind contributors of the Group's criteria for use of the site.

12. Future Meetings

The following future meeting dates were agreed: 25 April and 9 May.

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