

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Weds 16th June 2021 at 7.00pm held online via Zoom

In attendance; Steve Kendall (Chair), Harvey Silver, Tony Lines DL, Chris Walsh
Assistant Clerk – Nicci Sewell

1. Apologies: John Coleman

2. Approval of a short statement on progress with recreation

It was agreed to use the following statement:

The Parish Council owns various parcels of land in the village including Luton Road recreation ground, the Glebe, land at Crowbush Farm and the village green, therefore there is no need to make specific land allocation for recreation in the Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council is producing a fresh and ambitious Recreation Strategy to address issues raised. Additional references will be made in the Neighbourhood Plan.

3. Approval of a short statement on the relationship between the Neighbourhood Plan and the Local Plan

It was agreed to use the following statement:

Given that Neighbourhood Plans cannot allocate land in the Green Belt, Toddington Neighbourhood Plan has been drafted to take account of the emerging Local Plan. The submission of the Neighbourhood Plan will not be produced and submitted until there is more certainty regarding allocations for Toddington through the Local Plan process. Our Neighbourhood Plan expresses strong concern about the risks and disadvantages of over development in the village.

4. Discussion of an approach recently received which includes proposals for sheltered accommodation (see discussion of Crescent Court in the Neighbourhood Plan)

It was agreed to maintain the current policy of not commenting on potential development opportunities until the content of the Local Plan has been reviewed. *We read your proposal with interest it seems in sympathy with the provisions of our prospective Neighbourhood Plan. However at the moment we are waiting for the outcome of the Local Plan before we move forward with the Neighbourhood Plan.*

5. Work plan for getting the Neighbourhood Plan approved and adopted.

It was agreed that now is the time to move forward and engage the Parish Council in order to task Councillors with some of the necessary actions. At the moment the steering group has good intentions but no resource to take anything forward. In addition previous stakeholders such as Dee Curtis and Tom Chevalier should also be approached to re-join and help take on some of those actions too.

Action: Steve K to present a report to the Parish Council at July's meeting and request help from councillors to take on some of the work needed to get the Neighbourhood plan moving.

6. Reengaging the community with planning process.

It was agreed: To seek wider representation of the community including someone with a strong interest in recreation. However, before further engagement with the community should take place a number of action need to be completed.

Action: Assistant Clerk to find out what, if any funds were still being held under the Neighbourhood Plan.

Further meeting dates:

Wednesday 14th July 2021 at 7.00pm via Zoom

Wednesday 18 August at 7 pm via Zoom

Wednesday 22 September at 7pm via Zoom