

Minutes of a meeting of the Over Peover Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on Wednesday March 20th 2019 at Cleeve House, Stocks Lane at 2:00pm

Present: Phillip Welch (Chair)
Glynn Heselwood
Ian Hayes
John Hehir.

1) Apologies for absence: None

2) Actions arising from the meeting on October 30th 2018.

The following actions are still outstanding:-

Action (i) Engagement with major business interests (Barclays, Farming, Horticulture, Wedding Venues and Public Houses).

PW to draft a letter to be sent to Barclays and other business interests seeking to establish their issues/concerns relating to planning **Action PW**

Action(iv) Rural Economy - No progress made to date. A trawl through adopted Neighbourhood Plans with similar rural profiles to be undertaken and the findings reported to the team. **Action GH**

Action(v) Housing needs - On further reflection it was agreed that adequate consideration had been given to this issue and no further action was needed.

All other actions from the last meeting had been completed satisfactorily.

3) Traffic Management Studies

(i) Traffic Census - With the help of volunteers a traffic census was undertaken on Tuesday November 13th 2018. Vehicles were counted travelling in all directions at the three major junctions along Stocks Lane at peak times during the morning and late afternoon. The results have been collated and will be included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

(ii) Following an introductory meeting with a traffic consultant in the summer funding was secured to commission a formal survey. Traffic Consultants ARCA were appointed and meetings were held with them on November 21st 2018 and February 26th 2019. At the latter meeting a draft of the study completed was reviewed and commented upon. The final report from ARCA is awaited and IH will follow this up. **Action IH**

4) Wildlife Survey

Cheshire Wildlife Trust have completed their survey. PW agreed to review it with reference to the responses from residents on biodiversity in both the questionnaire and drop-in sessions. Any omissions will be addressed in the final draft of the Neighbourhood Plan. **Action PW**

5) Infrastructure Policy

GH will re-visit had the draft infrastructure policy previously circulated to the group for comment. Agreed the policy statement(s) need to be highlighted in the next draft **Action GH**

6) The way forward

It was agreed we were getting to the stage where we needed guidance and input from a suitable body in order to prepare the final draft of the plan. Cheshire Community Action had been recommended as a suitable body and it was agreed that it would be advisable to meet with them soon. PW agreed to make an approach and a target date of Thursday May 2nd was set for such a meeting. **Action PW**

Once a complete draft of the N.P. is available it will be important to re engage with the community to obtain their further feedback. It was felt that this could probably be best achieved by holding a presentation in the village hall which would be repeated to ensure as many residents as possible have the opportunity to attend.

When the final version of the NP is available it must be submitted to Cheshire East who will appoint an independent inspector to review it. Changes may then be necessary to satisfy the inspectors concerns. Following approval by the inspector the N.P. will be subject to a referendum of residents which will be organised by Cheshire East. To an extent we lose control of the timetable at that time but the team retains a target to complete the Neighbourhood Plan and submit it for public acceptance before the end of the current year.

7) Finance.

Effective April 2019 we are in a new budget year and a new funding application will be required which will need to include all the elements necessary to complete the Neighbourhood Plan, re-engage with the community and publicise the referendum.

8) A.O.B.

(ii) Unfortunately no team member was available to attend the AGM of Cheshire Community Action which was held in Comberbach on Wednesday November 7th (am).

9) Date and Place of Next Meeting - To be arranged.