

Ickleford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Committee meeting minutes

Tuesday 8 February 2022, 8pm in the Snug at the Old George

Committee member attendees: Ruth Bryer, Louise Peace, Bob Overett, Mike Willoughby, Pauline Gardiner, James Tizzard and Mike Jones

Apologies: Sam Zalin-Miller

Other attendees: Ray Blake (Chair of Parish Council), four members of the public

Minutes of the meeting of 7 October 2021 approved

Local Plan update

- The Local Plan is not expected to come before North Herts District Council for approval until June

AECOM Design Codes report

- The draft design codes report was received at the end of last year and had been reviewed by committee members. There were a few outstanding matters to discuss. Our planning consultant, Sally Chapman, had advised sharing the report with the County Council Education and Highways departments to check they were happy with the approach taken regarding a possible new school. Their feedback had not been received at the time of the meeting.
- AECOM advised that their deadline with Locality was this month, but that this could be suspended as we were waiting on feedback from the council. When asked how revisions after formal consultation were handled, they said that for larger changes groups usually applied for a new separate mini grant. However, we do not yet know what funding, if any, will be available next financial year.
- One general comment on the report was that the tone might seem to imply that movement of the school was inevitable. This is not the case, and it was agreed that the tone should be altered.

Review of draft Neighbourhood Plan

- The draft plan was shared with the group prior to the meeting. Identified issues and areas where more information was needed were discussed. Action points were:
 - Landscape - Mike W
 - Rural Character - Bob
 - Community assets list - Bob and Ruth to liaise
 - Community facilities – Ruth
 - Hertfordshire Environmental Records Centre maps – Louise
 - Current businesses at Manor site – James T
- Amends are to be made and returned by 23rd February. There is a need to get the draft back to Sally as soon as possible and make as much use of her services as possible this financial year.

Finance

- No costs this month

Date of next meeting: To be confirmed