

Ickleford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group minutes

Wednesday 18 September 8pm, Village Hall (small room)

Attendees: James Tizzard, Pauline Gardiner, Louise Peace, Ruth Bryer, Mike Willoughby
Mike Jones, Nigel Sanders

Apologies: Bruce Parker

Minutes of the meeting of 17 July approved

Parish Council liaison

- Mike Jones is now a parish councillor and will take over liaison from Ray Blake

Progress on background reports

- Louise and Mike's Traffic report was circulated and discussed
- The Character Assessment group will meet and continue to take that forward
- The next step for the Amenities team is to collect more views from businesses

Planning consultant

- Draft documents will be placed on Box for Sally Chapman to review. She had not thought it a good use of her time to come to this meeting, however we hope to have her feedback at the next one.

Map of past and possible future development

- Louise had marked up a large map to show recent development, current planning applications, potential Local Plan housing allocations and current Green Belt.
- This provoked discussion on areas that the neighbourhood plan may focus on, including sites of potential future development, village boundaries and footpaths
- The natural environment and green spaces of particular interest were discussed. The 'Walk the Parish' leaflet is likely to form the basis of our background information on this. It may be expanded on to include special features of the parish, e.g. the chalk rivers.

Questionnaire

- The above discussions covered many of the areas we wish to include in the questionnaire to gather data for policy development.
- Pauline agreed to look at the different questionnaires available, including a template from Sally Chapman, to draw up a draft version. The rest of the committee can then review and comment on this before the next meeting.

Engagement event

- The map discussed above could be a key talking point at our next engagement event. It may help people understand development issues in the village.
- A stall at the St Katharine Christmas Fair will be pursued.

Finance

- The Locality grant of £8158 was credited to the Parish Council on 7th August. In order for this second grant to be paid, we had to re-pay £120 that had been earmarked for land registry searching. We also had a grant of £200 from David Barnard.
Current funds are £8383.49

Next meeting - Wednesday 23 October