

**Minutes of NDP Steering Committee Meeting at CVH on 19<sup>th</sup> Aug 2014 at 19. 28 Hrs  
[ 2<sup>nd</sup> issue with some corrections ]**

Present : GEF , TLJ , GW + Attendees : SH , TI

Invited guest : Mr Paul Esrich [ AONB team ]

- TLJ gave a resume of the work of the Steering Committee over the last 15 months , making the following points
  - 1.0 The 2010 Cradley and Storridge Parish Plan was still operative and had been used as the basis for the NDP , the 2010 plan being an update of the 2004 Plan .
  - 2.0 The 2010 Plan includes a full VDS
  - 3.0 Steering group decided at an early stage to use the 2010 Plan as a basis for the NDP , together with a fresh consultation process to gain input from the community .
  - 4.0 Questionnaire and Planning for Real exercises had been conducted with the emphasis upon development in the parishes but included infrastructure items also .
  - 5.0 Only modest responses were forthcoming , as is mostly the case , when the residents are asked for a response .
  - 6.0 Best responses had been as follows :
    - 6.1 Re the Pixiefield development : A mainly negative response , especially from those directly effected .
    - 6.2 Re Buryfields / Stoddart Idea : Response mainly from its supporters .
    - 6.3 Keeping the Green [ Strategic ] Gap
- Matters to resolve ASAP :

[a] Making a Grant application to HCC for funding of NDP work . Deadline is Sept 2014

[b] Commissioning a Landscape Constraint Plan [ LCP ] for the village as an essential pre-requisite to taking on board several recently revealed projects [ incl H of V , Sports pitches etc , Stoddart / Buryfield scheme ] ..

It was noted that the H of V project could not be included in the NDP until the VCP had been carried out and thereby the issue of the Green Gap been either upheld or changed [ ie a revised VDS with the consent of the community clearly elicited ] .

- Mr Esrich , having both listened and asked pertinent questions vis a vis our NDP explained his AONB work and also his involvement in the Colwall NDP project . He has experience of both writing draft plans and also landscape appraisals , etc .
- At this meeting he offered his opinion that Cradley should make all haste both with Grant applications to HCC and in progressing our NDP with the Drafting of the Plan . He supported his opinions , drawing from his highly –informed knowledge of these matters .

- **ACTIONS [ appropriate to our NDP ] were then discussed and the following arrangements agreed :**
  1. Mr Esrich would contact a Ms Carly Tinkler [ Malvern based Landscape Architect used by Cowall NDP ] and ask her to contact TLJ . Object will be to ascertain whether CT would be able to prepare a LCP for Cradley and seek a usable Quotation for such work , which could be used to submit to HCC for grant application purposes .
  2. The NDP for Cradley/Storrige Draft Plan should be started immediately , policies agreed for inclusion and to do this by possible reference to the Colwall Draft Plan . PE has agreed to speak to Colwall NDP with a view to letting us have either an electronic or a hardcopy of the draft .
  3. Mr Esrich stressed that he was merely providing us with contacts , etc and NOT making recommendations per se .
  4. TLJ confirmed that PE did not discount the idea of him helping our drafting and would prepare a quotation .
  5. Meeting thanked Paul E for his input and we closed at 20.40 hrs

Geoff Fielding : Parish Councillor / Steering Committee Member