

Minutes of Cradley NDP Meeting 24.3.15 at 6.00

In attendance:-

Tanya Lloyd-Jones

Chris Lowder

Alan Eldridge

Anne Scarsbrook (note taker)

Tracey Iwanczuk (observer)

Karla Johnson (Herefordshire Council).

Apologies – Geoff Fielding

1. Minutes of last meeting deferred until contentious issues can be resolved with minute taker (Geoff).
2. NDP process so far outlined by Tanya as background for Karla:-
 - Process begun 2013 building on previous Parish Plan and design statement
 - Initial focus on accommodating requirements for housing – development plans now submitted that more than satisfy this
 - Questionnaire and Planning for Real Events held
 - August 2013 – project to create Heart of the Village introduced – further progress on NDP delayed due to uncertainty and differing views on the extent to which this project could or should be integrated into NDP
 - Landscape Assessment produced by Carly Tinkler – detailed and objective review of capacity for development on identified sites. Karla confirmed that this is a solid evidence base for planning and NDP.
 - The next Parish Reporter will focus on the Landscape Assessment and NDP.
3. Discussion of next steps.
 - Karla indicated need to move to vision statement / objectives / policy for NDP.
 - Alan felt there should be further consultation on specific projects that could be in NDP – specifically HoV and Sports Club plans. Further discussion over whether NDP should include specific plans or identify specific sites.
 - Karla provided information on proposed modifications to Core Strategy – plans will be expected to allocate sites for development to ensure deliverability of housing requirements; these requirements are regarded as minimum figures and are likely to increase.
 - This places even more significance on NDP to use Landscape Assessment to identify where land can or cannot be developed.
 - Meeting proposed between HoV and NDP group, chaired by AONB, to air and clarify issues over HoV and strategic gap. Similar meeting for Sports Club to consider relationship of their plans with NDP. Agreed that these meetings should take place as soon as possible – **Tanya to co-ordinate.**
 - Consultation process –
 - Present NDP and Landscape Assessment
 - Identify potential sites for housing development based on LA findings

- Test issues regarding protected sites including strategic gap – invite questions / open discussion from interested parties
 - Produce clear yes / no questions for consultation questionnaire.
4. Drafting NDP – funding available as advised by Karla, can be taken in stages – Chris and Alan to attend meeting re process for this. Could be used to fund initial draft.

Meeting closed 7.15.