

Earswick Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan Working Party

Record of the Decisions of the Meeting held on Thursday 9th July

Present: D. Jones, W. Gambold, S. Wiseman, F. Martin, B. Rigg,, G. Tate, J. Williams

Apologies for Absence:

Ian Yeowart & Jim McTurk

Decisions of the Meeting held on 7th July:

Draft circulated for members' comments. **ACTION:** All

Actions from previous meeting:

An initial draft of the introductory letter to be sent to residents had been circulated for comment. Some redrafting required. **ACTION:** F Martin

Consultancy Services:

A representative from a planning consultancy company gave a detailed outline of the neighbourhood planning process and identified areas where his company could provide assistance to the working party.

The Neighbourhood Plan is primarily about controlling development in the parish and has to conform to the strategic requirements of the Local Plan.

Dialogue with local planners is essential to determine their strategic requirements. It is possible that no development would be required in Earswick but this is considered unlikely. However the village could determine where development takes place and the type and design of that development.

The Neighbourhood Plan will allow the village to also identify greenbelt land and other green spaces (such as village green, playing fields) that it wishes to protect and identify community facilities that it would like to bring into the village.

The parishes in York are quite unique in that the York Local Plan has been delayed and is unlikely to be agreed before next year. Therefore now is a good time for the village to develop it's own neighbourhood plan which would (subject to acceptance at a referendum) then enable the village to negotiate from a position of strength.

Once the neighbourhood plan has reached the draft consultation stage the Local Authority are obliged to take into account the wishes of the community when developing their Local Plan. Following acceptance after a referendum the Local Authority are then legally required to adopt the recommendations contained in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Funding for the development of neighbourhood plans is available from various sources such as Locality (my community) and Awards For All, although some contribution may be required from the Parish Council.

The working party unanimously agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that a planning consultancy company be engaged to provide consultancy assistance to the group. **ACTION:** D Jones