

Hankelow Parish Council
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

MINUTES of a meeting held on July 1st 2019 in the Methodist Chapel Community Room

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Carol Fitzsimons Michelle Hulme, John Whitehead. It is noted that Sarah Parker and Richard New have now resigned from the group.
- 2. Present** – Alan Draper, John Durrant (Chair), Ian Jones, Tony Lee
- 3. Declarations of Interest** – Alan Draper, John Durrant, Ian Jones, Tony Lee, (The White Lion). The White Lion was not discussed in the meeting.
- 4. Minutes of the meeting on October 22nd 2018** – Taken as correct record. Noted that the expected meeting on November 28th 2018 was postponed indefinitely while awaiting a report from AECOM.

5. Matters Arising:-

- a) Membership: As already noted Sarah Parker and Richard New have resigned. Colin Ainley is no longer a Parish Councillor so the council has appointed Carol Fitzsimons as the third council representative. John Whitehead has expressed a wish to resign in the near future, which will leave the membership at seven. This was deemed to be acceptable.
- b) The technical support package was approved by Locality and AECOM were engaged to provide a Site Options and Assessment report. The final report has now been received.

6. Communications:-

Since the last meeting JD made further contact with Lucy Hughes(CCA) and Tom Evans (CE), and also with Ishaq Khan (AECOM).

- a) The boundary situation has been clarified with Lucy and Tom. Hankelow can establish an infill boundary which will supersede the existing settlement boundary.
- b) Tom has advised that if we apply an infill boundary and allocate sites, it puts us in a strong position to demonstrate that our plan is about sustainable and managed development. An examiner would look on this positively and it will activate better protection against unwanted development.
- c) A list of points concerning Lucy's first draft of the plan, which were raised in our meeting in October, was sent to Lucy on October 24th. Subsequently it was decided that she should wait for the AECOM report before redrafting our plan.
- d) AECOM were engaged at the end of November 2018, and provided with the information from our Call for Sites. Cheshire East provided the required mapping during December. Ishaq Khan and Abi Rhodes of AECOM made a site visit on January 24th 2019.

7. Response to AECOM report.

- a) The final Site Options and Assessment report (V5), dated June 2019, was received and considered. Five sites have been assessed as being potentially suitable for building homes, including the two sites which were favoured for allocation in our September 2018 meeting (site 5 and site 9). Sites 4 and 6 were considered to be at odds with our proposed policy to prevent extension of the village into the countryside, and site 10 was considered to be unfavourable because of its more remote location and the fact that it is some distance down Hall lane, which is narrow and unlit. It was resolved that site 5 and site 9 would be allocated, as previously agreed in September.
- b) Having decided on the site allocations, JD will write to the owners to confirm availability. Once that is received Lucy Hughes will be asked to complete our draft plan for submission to the Parish Council.
- c) JD will write to the owners of the other plots to confirm that we do not intend to allocate them.
- d) The AECOM report is considered part of the plan and will be published with the plan at the Reg. 14 consultation.

8. Any other business: None

9. Date of next meeting: To be decided