

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP (NPSG)

MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER 2016

The NPSG held it's first meeting on Oct 17.

Members of the group are:

Alison Alexander, Ian Catherall, John Flaherty, , Cheryl Loverock,
Michael Loverock ,Tom Lowry, Jo Reece, Bruce Thorogood, Chris Timpson,Wendy
Warren.

Jacqui Hodson attended as District Councillor.

John Flaherty has agreed to take over as lead coordinator and to stand for election as chair at the next NPSG meeting.

The NPSG is a Working Group of the PC and reports directly to the PC.

The group is now applying to Locality for the central government grant of £9000. This can be drawn down in up to 4 tranches, each valid for a period of 6 months. The application process is quite lengthy and we anticipate a delay in receiving the first tranche .

Jacqui Hodson has offered some funding from her Locality fund as seed corn finance to help get the process going without delay.

Grant monies provided specifically for the NP will be banked in the PC's account and ring-fenced for NP use only. This will allow VAT to be reclaimed in the same way as other PC expenditure. The NPSG will allocate and authorise its own expenditure of these grant monies and will advise the PC monthly of payments due. These will be made in the usual way by the clerk following approval at the PC's monthly meeting.

The NPSG will work within the funding limits of grants available for it's use and therefore the NP should be completed without any demands on the parish's other finances.

The NPSG is about to prepare a detailed budget and project plan for the whole process.

The NPSG plans its first step in consulting and engaging the community in the process will be an interactive public event early in the New Year. This will highlight current facts and information about the parish and seek ideas and feedback on how parishioners would like to see it develop in the future.

The second step will then be a questionnaire based on the findings of this event to be sent to every household or person in the parish to seek there views on a vision for the future of the parish.

The next NPSG meetings will be on Nov 21 and Dec 13.