

# Lanchester Parish Council



## Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

Lynwood House  
Thursday 14 September 2017  
6.30pm

**Present** Mike Wardle (Chair), Councillor Martin Walker,  
Councillor Keith Harrison, Councillor Paul Jackson,  
Councillor David Friesner, Chris Phillips, Brian Naylor,  
Steve Bailey, Mike Gladstone, Jill Gladstone, Michael Horsley,  
Shaun Hanson, Stuart Carter, Claire Hattam

### 1. **Welcome**

Mike Wardle welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

### 2. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Terry Coult, Elaine Hogg and Councillor Ossie Johnson

### 3. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### 4. **Minutes and Notes from the last meetings**

The minutes from the meeting held on 5 July were received and the notes from the meeting held on 25 July were received.

The group were informed that the planning appeal for houses up Cadger Bank had been dismissed. The planning inspector had made favourable comments in her report.

## **5. Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment (SEA) and Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA)**

Claire Hattam from Durham County Council attended the meeting and presented information on the Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment and Habitat Regulations Assessment. (presentation attached).

It was considered that the Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan is at the right stage to commence screening for SEA and HRA. The screening will determine whether further reports or a full assessment is required. Durham County Council can support and undertake the screening work. The screening process includes a consultation period.

Stuart Carter will liaise with Claire Hattam regarding the screening assessment.

## **6. Budget**

The group considered a budget prepared to accommodate the remaining elements of the plan which had been approved by the Parish Council at their recent meeting.

## **7. Draft Housing Policy**

Shaun Hanson presented the amended Settlement Edge Housing Policy. The policy has emerged from the Topic Paper and Review Paper.

Shaun gave a brief PowerPoint presentation (presentation attached).

The text in the Neighbourhood Plan, policies, maps and design guidance all need to complement each other and be in context with each other.

The amendments to the settlement edge housing policy were agreed.

## **8. Policy Development**

Shaun presented information on topic areas, policy priorities and mapping requirements (presentation attached).

It was agreed that 'Views' would probably fit best with the 'Green Spaces & Rural Environment' policy area.

The Neighbourhood Plan will not be looked at in isolation, but alongside the County Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan should not duplicate or conflict with county wide and national policies.

The group considered linkages between the policy areas. Some policy areas had full linkages and some part linkages with each other.

Shaun provided advice on policy development, what mapping requirements are needed and priorities for policy development. He emphasised that it would be necessary to prioritise in order to complete the plan in a reasonable timescale.

It was agreed that the next meeting would take the form of a seminar/workshop to progress policy work.

## **9. Mapping**

The working group were informed that a small group had met with officers from the County Council to discuss mapping requirements. The meeting had proved very positive. It is likely that the County Council will be able to assist with some mapping requirements. Jed Lawson from the County Council is to provide information with an outline of what the County Council can assist us with.

## **10. Next Steps**

- Stuart Carter to liaise with Claire Hattam regarding the screening assessment for SEA and HRA
- Work to continue on policy development / policy statements
- Work to continue on mapping requirements
- Shaun's presentation to be circulated around the group
- A seminar/workshop be arranged to progress policy development

## **11. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the group will take place on Wednesday 1 November at 1.30pm at Lynwood House. This will be a seminar/workshop to progress policy development.

Meeting ends 8.45pm