

# Lanchester Parish Council



## Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

Lynwood House  
Tuesday 31 July 2018  
2.00pm

**Present** Mike Wardle (Chair)  
Councillor David Friesner, Brian Naylor, Steve Bailey,  
Terry Coult, Jill Gladstone, Chris Phillips, Elaine Hogg  
  
Stuart Carter - Durham County Council

### 1. **Welcome**

Mike Wardle welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

Apologies were received from Councillor Paul Jackson, Councillor Ossie Johnson and Mike Gladstone.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

### 4. **Notes from the last meeting**

The notes from the meeting held on 3 July 2018 were received. It was noted that the inclusion of 'Statements' in the Neighbourhood Plan needed to be progressed.

It was agreed to ask Stuart Carter for examples of 'Statements'

The notes from the workshop held on 19 July were received.

### 5. **Policy Development**

#### **Edge of Settlement Housing Policy**

Shaun Hanson will undertake additional work as necessary on this policy. Any amendments are expected to be minor. It was noted that the County Durham Plan Preferred Options Paper makes reference to development

limits. We need to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan policy is not weaker than the County Plan policy.

### **Design of New Development**

Stuart Carter has provided feedback on this draft policy. A further draft of this policy has been produced incorporating much of the feedback. The group considered the draft policy.

It was agreed to include some wording regarding the % of housing to accommodate demographic change. The County Plan Preferred Options Paper refers to a figure of 10% of new housing for older persons.

The main elements of the Design Policy were agreed.

The policy includes information on local character. Elaine is to send photos to Sally to put in the policy. The updated version to be circulated to the working group.

### **Historic Environment**

The policy was agreed. There was a discussion on non-designated heritage assets and locally valued heritage assets.

It was agreed to ask the County Council to produce a map showing all the heritage assets identified in the Lanchester Heritage Audit.

## **6. Green Spaces and the Rural (Natural) environment**

The group considered the draft policy and agreed the main elements.

The group discussed 'landscape' and 'views' and agreed that they are distinct and different.

The text across all policies will be considered once the full draft document is produced.

The designation of Local Green Spaces was discussed along with the advantages and disadvantages of designation. Following a lengthy discussion at this and previous meetings it was decided not to formally designate any Local Green Space.

## **7. Landscape Workshop**

A workshop to consider local landscape value facilitated by the County Council had taken place on 19 July. The workshop had proved useful with a wealth of mapped information provided.

Following the workshop, Ged Lawson from the County Council had taken away all the information and produced a document with maps.

The group considered the document and the maps and the proposed map identifying the Locally Valued Landscape. There was an explanation and assessment of 10 criteria.

The group discussed the document and considered the information and mapping for each of the criteria as follows:

- Condition - agreed
- Scenic Quality - agreed
- Rarity - agreed
- Representativeness - agreed
- Conservation Interest Natural Environment
  - Confirm that the map reflects the discussions at the workshop
- Conservation Interest Historic Environment
  - Confirm that the map reflects the discussions at the workshop
- Recreation - agreed
- Perceptual Aspects - agreed
- Associations - include Colepike Hall
- Setting - agreed

It was agreed that the colour coding for the maps needed to have more contrast.

The document was agreed. It was agreed that the Locally Valued Landscape should include the areas identified in maps 13 and 14.

It was also agreed that the contours maps should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed to ask the County Council to produce a map identifying all Roman activity and setting.

## **8. Next Steps**

- Stuart Carter be asked to provide examples of 'Statements'
- Elaine to send photos to Sally for the Design policy
- The updated design policy to be circulated to the working group.
- The County Council be asked to produce some additional maps
- Provide feedback to the County Council on the Locally Valued Landscape document
- Small working group to continue with the VDS redraft
- Full draft Neighbourhood Pan document be progressed

## **9. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the group to take place on Wednesday 5 September at 2.00pm at Lynwood House.

Meeting ends 4.30pm