

STRENSALL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
Steering group meeting on Tuesday 28th February 2017

Present:

Keith Marquis, Tony Fisher, Lawrence Mattinson, Geoffrey Harvey-Walker, Philip Thorpe, Claire Whittle, Sue May, Shirley Jenkins, John Millett, Andrew Bolton and John Chapman

No apologies were given

Review of Visit to QE Barracks on 15th February 2017

Major Anton Foulger met the group and walked them through the site, and explained the current use of many of the buildings. It had been agreed that there were several useful looking buildings that would convert into a school, both primary and secondary with plenty of open space for recreation. Major Foulger indicated 2021 seems to be a realistic deadline but said that staff currently located on the QE Barracks site would be given 2 school years notice of the closure date. It was not possible on this occasion to visit the Towthorpe Lines site which will be arranged in the near future.

A tree risk assessment would be required but one had been carried out in 2015 and trees were marked with identity numbers. Some of the group thought that it would be possible to develop this site into a garden village and it was hoped that further visits and dialogue would continue throughout the process.

The Local Plan Working Group

The group agreed to question the LPWG following their decision to delay the next stage of the Local Plan caused by the MOD who were in the early planning stages to close the Barracks and that this has resulted in a delay to the compilation of the NP. A further meeting with the LPWG is arranged for 8th March 2017 at West Offices.

GHW was to create an arrangement to use “Google Docs” which can be accessed by everyone and then each section can be read through and added to where required to progress the narrative, thus creating a file of knowledge to assist in the NP document content

Tasks set at the November 2016 meeting

The Clerk confirmed that she had received a basic first draft of information from Sue May and John Millet. Sue Nunn had produced some background information mainly from the VDS. Once there was a draft of each section it could be moulded into the document itself with “meat on the bones” and then the Planning Consultant would step in and assist. LM and others did not feel she was beneficial at this stage and not cost effective.

Other Business

The chairman referred to the invoice received from the consultant £472. 50 inc VAT.

The group agreed that a copy of the letter forwarded to the LPWG should also be sent to Julian Sturdy MP and the Ward Councillors.

The chairman referred to an email from Michael Watts representing Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners requesting information on the progress of the neighbourhood Plan. A holding email had already been sent and a suitable reply was agreed.

Following the meeting Mr Mattinson announced that he would no longer be part of the group as he had other commitments but was happy to be consulted on traffic and road safety issues.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40pm