

FOXTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLANNING GROUP

Minutes of Meeting held 31st March 2014.

Present.

Meryl Cumber, Maureen Fox, Adele Hull, Lorraine Quaid, Bernard Rice, Mike Ward, Margaret Wright (Chairman).

Apologies. David Chambers, Michael Hadley.

1. Resignations. Steve Burnett and Wendy Felton have stood down from the group.

Margaret started the meeting by explaining the latest situation and that we had two options for dealing with the NDP group the following being her notes:

1. Make the group a constituted group with its own bank account and powers to make decisions and make up a contract between it and the PC relating to the provision of services to the PC for the purpose of steering the Neighbourhood Development Plan. I believe it would then carry out work on behalf of the PC, subject to the contractual arrangements. The PC would be able to make grants to it, but the group would have to manage its own finances and apply for grants in its own right etc.
2. Form a committee of the PC responsible for “project managing” the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The committee will be able to make recommendations to the PC but all decisions must be made in full council. This committee will not have a constitution but will be bound by the PC’s Code of Conduct and Standing Orders. Members of the committee who are not councillors will be able to vote on recommendations but not decisions. All decisions must be made in council meetings.
All NDP meetings to be held in public.

The second one would provide for the cheapest and most expeditious option **and would allow the PC to handle grants directly for the committee. An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council had been announced to facilitate discussion of this in council.**

We also discussed the impact of the proposed developments at the Locks in conjunction with the effect of development at Airfield Farm and the constraints imposed on us by future and existing policies and legislation.

We decided that it was difficult to work out how much real clout the NDP would have and whether it was really worth the amount of effort being spent on it. We therefore decided that it would be useful to consult HDC planning (in the form of Matthew Bills or Stephen Pointer) so the group could make an informed decision on whether to continue. In order to achieve this before we spent any money it was suggested that we ask Stephen and Matthew if one of them would be willing to attend the APM.

Date and Venue of Next Meeting.

To be held at the RMH. Date TBA.

Circulation:

Group Members.

Parish Clerk.

Matthew Bills. HDC.

Kerry Farnsworth.