

## **South Leverton 6<sup>th</sup> NP Steering Group Meeting**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August '18

### **Agenda**

- 1 Contact details of SG members
- 2 Public Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> July'18
- 3 Feedback to Residents
- 4 Grant Application
- 5 AOB
- 6 DONM

### **Discussion**

#### **1 Contact details**

Residents present: - Catherine Hoyle, Gerry Wareham, Andy Marsh, Gordon Muir, Terry Lickorish, Andrea Scott James, Hannah Kerley, John Landreth, BDC representative: - Luke Brown

Eight residents were present at this meeting. Hannah Kerley was welcomed as a new member and she completed the contact details schedule giving permission for other members of the steering group to contact her via her contact details. It is now expected that regular attendance will comprise of nine or ten people, including a further new resident member Lisa Hughes who had emailed apologies as she was unavailable to attend this meeting. Dave Hampton and Jamie Spittlehouse had also submitted their apologies.

#### **2 Report of 4th July Public Meeting**

The purpose of this first public meeting, which took the form of a "drop in" wine and cheese evening, had been to continue promotion of residents' enthusiasm for their NP development. Arrangements were made for the residents to identify their considerations of SL strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats; and to express their aspirations for development of SL. The meeting had been most successful and was well attended with 44 residents' participation.

Residents had recorded their comments on "stick on notes" on a map of the parish along with completing a SWOT analysis schedule.

From the residents recorded comments Catherine had prepared a summary of their aspirations for the NP along with their SWOT analysis. This summary had been circulated by email to the SG members. Catherine gave a brief overview as follows: -

**Residents SWOT Analysis – Strengths** - The village has a good community spirit and is a friendly place to live with a pub, garage, village hall, and a historic church. **Weaknesses** - Lack of vision and initiatives, no facilities for children to play, poor maintenance of roads and footpaths, poor public transport links, inadequate NHS and state school services. **Opportunities** – Revitalise the village, improve the age mix from an aged population with new housing and infrastructure to encourage younger families to live in SL, improved local transport links, development of local cycle routes and walking trails taking in wild life pastures and historic village buildings. **Threats** - There is a danger that community life as such will continue to diminish and become dormant due to an ageing

demographic, coupled with a present lack of initiatives to revitalise the village population, and along with residents' reluctance to use village existing facilities,

### **Residents Comments with regard to Housing Developments**

- Downsizing properties to be included
- New starter homes to be included
- Developments to preserve and enhance existing character and rural feel
- Mixture of building styles to enhance individuality of appearance
- Developments be both infill and on the village outskirts
- Developments to enable residents to operate business from home
- Improved infrastructure to accommodate increased population
- Consideration of acceptable impact on access to and from housing developments
- BDC to grant planning permission in accordance with NP
- Possible village infill sites to be surveyed for suitability in consultation with land owners

### **Residents Comments with regard to other possible NP Developments**

- Introduce traffic calming chicanes
- Develop a safe play area for children
- Vigorous pursuit of NCC for resurfacing of roads and pavements
- Creation of job opportunities following local power station closures
- Development of pleasant open spaces to encourage new residents into the village
- Development of additional resident activities with existing village facilities
- Development of environmental protection measures
- Development of a community arts and crafts facility
- Increase the number of benches around the village
- Arrange more village community events
- Prepare an accurate map of the village streets, housing, historic and listed buildings

The SG were as a whole in agreement with the majority of the proposals put forward by the residents, particularly for housing developments where there was a need for older residents to have the opportunity to downsize from their present detached houses into bungalows, and to provide affordable housing to encourage the introduction of younger families into the village. A number of the residents' aspirations were directly associated with the village PC rather than the SG and ultimately the responsibility of NCC e.g traffic calming and maintenance of road surfaces.

### **3 Feedback to Village Residents**

To provide feedback to the residents, the SG decided to prepare a newsletter which would include an edited version of the residents' comments and a village map. An initial newsletter would be prepared and circulated for comment / amendment.

**Action: Gerry Wareham**

The finalised version would be printed off and posted to all residents and installed on the village website.

**Action: All members**

As a means of further consultation with residents it was agreed advantageous establish a face book site.

**Action: Hannah Kerley**

#### **4 The Next Step in Preparation of the NP**

Luke advised the next step would be a call for land owners, but due to private data protection legislation issues the SG would need to advertise inviting land owners to express interest in their land being developed within the SL neighbourhood plan. The SG should not approach possible land owners who were thought to have land available for development. All contacts should be initiated by land owners offering their land for consideration. It was agreed to follow the example of the Rampton & Woodbeck NP advert placed in the Retford Life by amending wording and substituting photographs. Timescale for placing the advert was thought to be by the end of September for publication in October.

**Action: Luke Brown**

#### **5 Application for BDC Grant Funding of the NP Preparation**

Andrew reported that he had progressed completion of the grant forms, but had reached a point where he needed clarification and assistance from other members and BDC. Luke, Catherine, and Andrew agreed to meet in the Plough on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August to resolve outstanding issues.

**Action: Andrew Marsh, Catherine Hoyle, & Luke Brown**

#### **6 AOB**

There was no other matter raised.

#### **7 DONM**

Proposed date subject to confirmation would be Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October'18

Gerry Wareham