

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE KINVER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING  
STEERING GROUP OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.00 PM VIA ZOOM SOFTWARE**

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Present: Councillors E Simons and Ms E Lord, Miss Emily Stokes, Miss Alexandra Roche, Mrs Leigh Roche and Miss Fiona Holloway

Also in attendance consultant Hannah Barter, Miss J S Cree, Mrs M Fullwood and

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Councillors Mrs C Allen, G Sisley, and P Wooddisse, District Councillor Mrs L and Mrs L Dew sent their apologies.

2. To receive the minutes from the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

The minutes of the meeting of the Neighborhood Plan Steering Group held on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021, having been circulated previously, were approved as a true record of the proceedings.

3. Local Green Space designations:

Mrs Leigh Roche and Cllr E Simons had brought together evidence on the proposed sites as circulated to all members.

Given the constraints on Green Space designations (not an extensive area; close to the community etc) and the subjective nature of the criteria, complementary approaches were discussed.

The NDP could define 'Landscape areas' or other areas of special value to the parish, and detail their special features and importance. This would give an extra layer of protection in addition to any designated green spaces within the area.

It was agreed that the following special areas be defined and the evidence collated:

- Corridor along the river and canal valleys. Importance for wildlife corridor; landscape; tourism and recreation; heritage; canal conservation area.
- Buffer area around the slopes of Kinver Edge (National Trust, SSSI and heritage). Importance for wildlife buffer and corridor; landscape; tourism; heritage/conservation area.
- Corridor along the Staffordshire Way. Importance for tourism; landscape; protection of long distance footpaths.

The SWT wildlife data could also be used to identify areas worthy of protection such as special wildlife corridors (e.g. heathland corridor

between Kinver Edge and Highgate Common, for habitat distinctiveness and as nature recovery networks across the parish.

School playing fields could be protected by either or both of green space or assets of community value. The latter is more flexible with regards to development, and can include conditions. A discussion needs to take place with the schools about their likely developments during the life of the Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed to mark the playing fields as amber for now pending further discussion. HB has a template with questions to raise.

It was noted that the Friends of Ridgehill Woods are putting in a separate application for designation of Friars Gorse and Ridgehill Woods as Local Green Spaces.

Action:

EL/ES to contact Staffordshire Wildlife Trust for further information on the heathland and other wildlife corridors, and collate SWT data on habitat distinctiveness and nature recovery networks

LR/EL to contact the schools to discuss designation for the playing field areas in relation to their future building plans within life of NDP.

#### 4. Design Code

AECOM have prepared a draft Design Code document. Members felt that the Code needed further work to define the special features of Kinver, and to adapt its proposals better to the place. Councillor E Simons reported that the vision in the report from AECOM would damage the heritage of the 13<sup>th</sup> century High Street and identified areas for growth e.g. in the Burgage plots which are not appropriate.

AECOM have agreed to meet members of the SG to progress the draft. Our agreed approach included:

- identify and describe 'Special Character Areas' in terms of style, building line, density etc .
- help AECOM rework the code re typical features/ styles, and development style and layout
- Rework with AECOM the High Street proposals in the light of constraints of the conservation area and river.
- ensure that the code explicitly covers the whole parish

Action: HB, ES and EL to zoom 23 Oct, 3pm to develop AECOM response  
: Meeting to be arranged with AECOM

5. Heritage Assets for Local List: progress

Cllr E Simons reported that cave/ rock features were being mapped to add to the Local List.

6. Policy mapping workshop: 25 Oct, 10 -12 am

H Barter proposed a Policy Mapping Workshop led by herself and UVE colleague D Chetwyn, working with 3 to 4 members of the SG to help us turn objectives into policies. We should prepare a bullet point list of points to cover, in advance. The date agreed was Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 10-12. Cllrs E Simons / Ms E Lord and Mrs L Roche will attend, with one other person if available. The planned meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> Oct will be moved to the 25<sup>th</sup> to allow the group to report back.

H Barter will also provide a template of the Neighbourhood Plan so that we can start filling sections in.

Action: EL and all SG to define bullet list of policy issues.

7. Any Other Business

No items were reported.

8. Date of next meetings-

Monday 4 Oct 2021: NPLAN SG meeting, parish rooms

Monday 25 October 2021: NPLAN SG meeting by Zoom

Also:

Wednesday 23 Sept 3 pm: ES/EL/HB Zoom: Design code

Monday 25 Oct 10 am by Zoom: Policy Workshop. ES, LR, EL (+1?)