

Cannock Wood Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Minutes

Meeting held via Zoom on 13/01/22 at 7pm

Attendees:

Amanda Lightbody	Fiona McMulkin	Maureen Allen
Anne Wallbank	Gavin Wallbank	Steve Wroe
Avril Green	Lesley Baker (chaired the meeting)	Tom Corkley
Ben Bradley		
Emma Frison	Liz Whiteley	

Apologies: Paul Thomas and Sue Janes.

Changes affecting the Working Group: Kevin Salter's resignation from the Parish Council; Pete Redding and Claire Borg have left the working group due to other commitments.

1. **Minutes of meeting** on 7th December 2021 were approved by all members.
2. **Register of interests** is held by Sue Janes. LB requested a new copy of the form to fill in.
3. LW fed back on the **work in progress**:
 - a. Phase 1 having been completed with delivery of first draft objectives and character assessment by Eddy Taylor in mid-December. End of grant form submitted and £421 of grant unspent has been returned to Groundworks, as required for phase 2 grant process.
 - b. Grant application for phase 2 funding was submitted on 31/12/21 (KS, SJ and LW). All supplementary questions have been answered and the application has been put through to the decision-making panel. Policy drafting to begin in Feb once grant secured.
4. **Surveys** have been analysed and input. LW has collated this for members. It is on the PC website for public view and condensed versions have been provided re the sports field/village hall /Castle Ring and distributed to the interested parties.

Feedback on pubs/shop collated but negative comments re the shop redacted. The proprietors don't envisage doing anything differently. 3 days x 2 hours to order.
5. Report of **Staffordshire Wildlife Trust** meeting: LW/Eddy/SW met online with Kate Dewey, Senior Planning Officer for Staffordshire Wildlife Trust.

Biodiversity review of the terrain has been completed and maps of the terrain drawn up in preparation for pathways/nature corridors to link environments in preparation for the Environment Bill. SWT and CCDC and SCC have worked on this and the phase 2 grant application includes a bid for the cost of access to these maps to support planning for biodiversity.
6. **South Staffs Water**. SW continues to follow up on trying to obtain input to NP process. There were suggestions in the surveys about this land.
7. **Non-planning appendix to NP**. Things in survey not relating to land use/planning policy.
 - a. Roads, pavements, traffic calming and public footpaths: Feedback document for Staffs Highways and PC is being prepared. Discussion re traffic calming. residents particularly concerned about Hayfield, Buds, Cumberledge. Highways are responsible.

Wide-ranging discussion including various possibilities including welcome signs/gates like those at Longdon on A51 reminding drivers they are entering a residential area. Deer warning/horse warning signs - although too many signs detract from natural beauty. Width restrictions? Quiet lanes? Agreed to canvas residents' views in a future village consultation document. could be collated and presented to Staffs highways.

Highways also responsible for cycle routes but LW spoke with Norton Canes re getting National Cycle Route 5 through their village and whether CW would be interested in it coming through. LW to contact Sustrans re the possibility.

The Forestry Commission would need to improve a footpath across the Chase which has become eroded. BB has been in touch with the FC in connection with this.

Chase2water - 7m walking route from Brindley Heath to Chasewater is in development.

- b. Village events: other interested parties will need to organise these. LB suggested current social groups came together to be part of organising something rather than set up a new organisation to form a committee with reps from each group.
A church flower festival is planned to celebrate the Jubilee. MA is going to look at restarting the Best kept Village competition again.
If people are as keen to have events as the survey suggested, there should be no shortage of volunteers and participants.
Could the PC lead on the initial organisation? AG suggested the VH committee. often ends up being down to one person which isn't sustainable.
- c. Newsletter: AW is looking at crowdfunding for printing the newsletter but will cover the costs in the interim with one or two others - £45. Ask what residents would like it to be. Perhaps fund via an event. The village fairs raised thousands.

8. **Communications**

- a. Website: PC meeting to discuss whether there is a need for a named person to make NP updates to the PC website.
 - b. Engagement for NP: feedback of survey results - LW is working on this - a condensed highlights/headlines focussed on the community side of things. Investigating options for printing.
 - c. Drop-in meeting. Saturday morning 19th February at Village Hall. Volunteers to organise: LB, MA, AW, GW, PT, SJ, LW. Needs a lot of us to get involved on the day.
9. Discussion of how '**assets of community value**' works. 21 residents can apply and it is on the agenda for the next PC meeting with reference to the Park Gate Inn.
10. **Next meetings:**

21/01/22 Friday	SUB-GROUP drop-in meeting organisation MA's house 15 Holly Hill 7pm
01/02/22 Tuesday	SUB-GROUP draft policy writing 2pm at SW's house (Eddy to attend).
19/02/22 Saturday	DROP-IN MEETING FOR THE PUBLIC 10.30am to 12.30pm (booked hall half an hour before and after for preparation and tidy up)
24/02/22 Thursday	FULL GROUP MEETING- Eddy to speak to working group 7pm Village Hall
22/03/22 Tuesday	FULL GROUP MEETING 7pm Village Hall

A lot of technical work needs to be done in the meantime.

Amanda thanks LW and SW for their hard work along with AW and GW.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.