Reedham Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

**Thursday, 31st March 2022 at 2.00 p.m.**

**Attendees:** Tony Noon, David Breeze, Chris Mutten, Maureen Haycock, Simon Pittam, Wendy Gitsham, Louise Cornell and Mark Thompson (Collective Community Planning).

1. **Apologies** : Cate Ford, Claudia Dickson.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** CM owns the preferred site GNLP1001 and Middle Field.
3. **Minutes**: The Minutes of the meeting on the 24th February 2022 were approved.
4. **Updates** from the last two meetings:
5. **Call for sites** – The amended advert was discussed and it was agreed there was definitely a need for more affordable housing in the village. Louise suggested the advert should include a summary of what a green space could be used for. Agreed.

**Action:**

Advert to include summary re green space uses. (LC)

Committee to decide on how/where to best advertise in order to draw attention to local landowners.

1. **Local** **Green spaces** – Photographs/site descriptions circulated. CM commented it had been agreed at the January meeting that the private green in front of Quay Terrace should be included. TN advised that after discussion with LC, it had been decided not to include the Middle Field.

**Action:**

Update document to include Quay Terrace, delete the Middle Field. (WG)

Include site map. (WG)

Measure sizes of Green Spaces/update form. (CM/WG)

email form to LC. (WG)

1. **Key Viewpoints** – Updated photographs (agreed January meeting) with descriptions circulated.

**Action:**

Include site map. (WG)

email form to LC. (WG)

1. **Ecological areas and corridors** – LC confirmed she had approached Jo Lester, who is keen to get involved and will produce suggestions for both blue and green corridors for inclusion in the Plan.
2. **Heritage Assets** – DB/WG had partly completed the Heritage form detailing description of assets and photographs and this was circulated. WG requested advice on alternative layouts to ensure all necessary information is included. LC to forward examples. Although little information had been obtained re The Old Hall, Smoking House and Flint Cottage, it was generally felt these assets should be included, as agreed at January meeting.

**Action:** Add the above three assets, complete relevant information to meet criteria. (DB/WG) Include site map. (DB/WG} email form to LC (WG)

1. **Draft AECOM Design Codes Report –** The report was discussed and TN confirmed that all major changes had been addressed. CM suggested off-road parking for school staff could be incorporated into future development at the Maypole Hill site. General policies in the NP to be included in the report. DB agreed to draw up a site plan for the Maypole Hill site to include parking, AECOM to be informed. SP commented that car number plates were identifiable in the report and requested these be blocked out.

**Action:**

Plan to be drawn up for Maypole Hill site. (DB)

AECOM to be informed re plan, request car number plates are blocked out. (LC)

1. **Issues and Options Report - LC** and MT gave feedback and suggestions, including:

**Housing Growth:** The need for affordable housing in the village was a genuine reflection from the survey, with ten per cent of people responding with a positive need.

**Housing Mix & Design:**  Attendees were in favour of including a housing mix policy that specifically requires a mix of housing with focus on two- and three-bedroom homes, also supported through consultation.

**Tourism & Economy:** It was agreed to include a policy that supports business enterprise, e.g., disused farm buildings (conversion already permitted) being brought into use and could allow for small scale extension of such buildings. The group were agreeable to a planning policy for tourism accommodation in existing buildings but did not support new build tourism accommodation outside the development boundary. Community action was suggested to improve signage/access routes, Wherryman’s Way. Attendees agreed that parking for visitors along Riverside was an issue and needed improving. (SP vacated meeting). Discussion took place on current parking problems at the school and provision for parking facilities for staff in any future development. Support given for a policy that future development of the school will need to include a parking management plan. Community action could include to propose a school travel plan; community travel link to Acle; car parking at the train station. (LC/MT to explore riverside parking provision).

**Local Service Provision & Infrastructure:** Attendees agreed the NP should:

Identify community facilities that are particularly valued, which would be protected under local plan policy. Include a community action policy on information boards, benches etc, linked to visitors and wildlife. Include community action to work with Anglian Water to improve the maintenance of the sewage system. Include a policy on open space provision that requires opportunities to be considered for providing a school field near to the primary school, rather than on site. Either allocate a central site for a playing field as long as the landowner is supportive, or have a policy that is supportive of recreational uses on this piece of land.

Support given for a mobile phone mast over a certain height (PD rights are being changed to allow for even higher masts without needing permission).

Attendees were not in favour of: A Community policy on improving Broadband.

Policy on school outdoor space, possibly linked to public open space provision by any residential development close to the school.

**The Natural Environment -** Attendees agreed the NP should: Designate Local Green Spaces for protection. This would be in accordance with the protection afforded to green belt. Protect important local views. Include a dark skies policy. Include green corridors which could become a focus for any biodiversity net gain, also community action to improve habitat.

**Flood Risk -** Attendees agreed the NP should: Contain a policy requiring the use of Sustainable Drainage systems for surface water. Include a community policy around maintaining local drainage ditches.

**Historic Environment:** Attendees agreed the NP should identify non-designated heritage assets of local importance.

1. **Noise Pollution from industrial development -** After discussion it was agreed the NP should include a noise pollution policy.
2. **Financial matters** to be discussed at the next meeting as CD unable to attend.
3. **Items for next meeting –** Draft Plan

Call for sites

Updates on actions

1. **Date and time of next meeting –** to be arranged by CD (CM requested a choice of dates).

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