Reedham Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

**29th November 2021**

Attendees: David Breeze, Maureen Haycock, Chris Mutten, Wendy Gitsham, Simon Pittam, Stephen Coleman, Claudia Dickson (Parish Council Clerk)

1. Election of a Chairman: David Breeze was elected chairman of the meeting.
2. Apologies: Tony Noon, Cate Ford
3. Declarations of Interest: CM owns the preferred site GNLP1001.
4. Minutes: the minutes of the meeting on the 23rd September 2021 were approved
5. Updates
6. Call for sites: information from BDC has been forwarded to Louise Cornell (Collective Community Planning consultant) but no further progress has been made.

Actions:

* **CD** to chase LC

1. Green Spaces: a thorough discussion was had of the green spaces suggested so far. Green spaces approved and further information to be gathered were:

* The field in the middle of the village (accessed from Witton Green and Cliff Close) – subject to fields allowed to be designated
* The allotments
* The War Memorials land
* Play area at the Village Hall

Actions:

* **CD** to check with LC whether a field can be designated.
* **CD** to check with LC whether we should designate the playing field at the Village Hall bearing in mind the 125 year lease.
* **CD** to check with Richard Squires (BDC) whether Common Land can/needs to be included
* **DB** to locate and circulate a historic proposal for relocating the village hall, play area and sports field.

1. Important views: the meeting discussed the views suggested so far. Views approved and further information to be gathered were:

* Riverside from the slipway East towards the swing bridge, including the private grass
* Riverside looking West – several photos to be collated
* Looking North from the Holly Farm Road railway bridge
* Witton Green across to Mill Road – photos need to be taken

Actions:

* Photos from other railway bridges to be taken and uploaded
* Photo from Witton Green across to Mill Road
* Views across marshland and towards the church to be taken and uploaded
* Everyone to comment on the views

1. Ecological areas and corridors: a wildlife corridor was suggested between the Barn Owl Close development and The Nursery. A gap was left by the developer that is not being used. A green footpath could be created between footpath 2 and Station Road.

Actions:

* **CD** to ask Jo Lester for her assistance, and whether Brickstone Carr CWS should be included.
* **CD** to ask LC to take this further as the group do not have the relevant experience, hopefully with Jo Lester’s assistance.

1. Heritage Assets: heritage assets suggested in the village survey were assessed and the following were approved for further investigation:

* The Ship Inn
* The Ferry Inn
* Reedham Station
* The swing bridge and signal box
* The brick railway bridges
* Flint Cottage on Riverside
* The Smokehouse (next to the public toilets)
* Reedham Primary School
* The Manor House (next to the church)
* The Red Mill, Ferry Road
* The Station House
* The Gospel Hall
* Brickmakers, Mill Road
* Brickmakers, Rose Cottage
* The dock building under the bridge past The Ship

Actions:

* **CD** to put the long list to LC for comment.

1. Finance: no further expenditure. CD now has information from BDC to access their grant.
2. Items for the next meeting:

AECOM report – **CD** to chase.

Middle field – discussion on a village hall and playing field

1. Next meeting: tbc – January 2022. **CD** to circulate dates.