

MINUTES
BERRICK SALOME PARISH COUNCIL
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP
12TH JULY 2017

A Meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group ('the Group') was held at Church Cottage, Berrick Salome on Wednesday 12TH July 2017 at 7:30 pm.

Present:

Brian Tracey (BT) (Chair)
Chris Cussens (CC) (Parish Clerk)
Ray Perfect (RP)
Sarah Russell (SR)
Derek Shaw (DS)
Ricardo Rios (RR) (SODC)

1. Apologies for Absence

Sue Lyons (SL), Ian Glyn (IG), Chris Kilduff (CK), Conrad Shields (CS), Douglas Taylor (DT)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous Group meeting, held on 13th Jun, were unanimously approved.

3. Survey Questionnaire

RR reminded us that the questionnaire is normally the first activity to cover within a NP project; it sets 'the direction of travel'. Our draft has been examined by an SODC specialist (Jodie Wales) and we expected written comments very shortly. (They were received the following day and have separately been circulated to the Group.)

We agreed to finalise our questionnaire next month, issuing it to all parishioners to respond to it. In September, we should review questionnaire findings, to serve as a basis for our developing NP. The survey must match the overall district plan.

4. Progress on draft NP document

This was not discussed, as no significant activity has taken place. RR advised that roads and traffic are usually the hardest thing to cover in the NP.

Also, flood risk can be very difficult; the easiest approach is to look at National Policy, which should apply to most areas.

5. Any Other Business

We need to submit a Project Plan to SODC ASAP, giving projected and actual dates and costs. Although this is primarily to help us pursue the NP project, it should also release £5k funding for us to spend on the NP. Other neighbourhoods have spent this money on such things as printing, venue hire and consultants.

On housing, we will need to ask residents to suggest sites for development. Our parish is a 'smaller village', for which we'll need to plan for 5% to 10% growth until 2033; in other words, we'll need to find room for 6 to 12 extra houses. Even if we allocate sites that can accommodate the 5-10% we are still at risk of developers submitting multiple applications for 6-12 houses. Ricardo suggested if we find sites for twenty-five houses that we then won't be subjected to this.

Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting is 15th August at 7:30pm in the rear room of the Berrick Salome Village Hall.

Signed Chairman
Date