

## Notes from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting

Parish Council Offices – Aston Clinton

7<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**Present:** C Read, K Loxley, L Ronson (left the meeting before the end), E Peile (left the meeting before the end), T Winterbottom (joined the meeting near the end of discussions on education topic)

**In attendance:** J Lampert (consultant) & E Barry (assistant clerk and minute taker)

### **Purpose of the meeting:**

To define the vision, issues, and objectives.

### **Topic headings:**

The group were reminded of the topic headings and who would be heading up each one and it was decided that transport would form a new topic heading and L Ronson was to take on this topic.

Housing – T Winterbottom

Environment – K Loxley

Education – E Peile

Business – P Wyatt

Leisure – Liz Tubb

Health – C Read

Transport – L Ronson

### **Vision:**

A revised vision statement was developed and drafted in the meeting. **Action:** C Read would circulate the new draft vision statement to the group for comment. J Lampert recommended a final version to be agreed within ten days of this meeting.

### **Issues & Objectives:**

The committee discussed issues and objectives under the various topics which helped form the 10 draft objectives as listed in appendix A. These will be used to shape the questionnaire.

### Transport

**Action:** It was recommended that L Ronson look at the Chapel Drive and Brook St transport assessments and put some reality against them.

**Commissioning of an independent traffic assessment for the village** – this topic was discussed and agreed by the group as important for the Neighbourhood plan and for the village.

**Action:** It was agreed by all that C Read and L Ronson were to put a brief together to represent to the parish council recommending the commissioning of a an independent report.

J Lampert suggested that if the group were to commission an independent assessment, they consider the following when providing a consultant with the brief:

- Applications already permitted
- In the SHLAA
- Any sites being considered under the NHP

#### Education

T Winterbottom suggested that a 'Grampian Condition' should be attached to all new proposed developments stating that nothing can go ahead unless the issue of school places is tackled. The NHP could have in the plan no more development until there is school capacity in the village - as there would be an expectation with new comers that they would have the ability to send their children to the local school.

The assistant clerk left the meeting and the group continued going through the issues and objectives that formed the objectives in Appendix A.

#### Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on or near the 20<sup>th</sup> January with consultant S Jobbins, to start forming the questionnaire.

**Attachments: Appendix A (page 3 of this document)**

## Appendix A

Objective 1: To identify local housing need and preferred sites for future development

Objective 2: To influence design, type, tenure and scale of new housing

Objective 3: To protect green spaces and important views to the countryside to help maintain the rural character of the parish.

Objective 4: To maintain and improve access to public open space and the countryside through a well-maintained network of footpaths, cycle and bridleways.

Objective 5: To renew and improve the facilities at Aston Clinton Park

Objective 6: To work with the Highways Authority to improve road safety and ease traffic congestion in the parish. Also to introduce new separated cycle ways in and around the parish to improve connection to community facilities and the countryside.

Objective 7: To ensure sufficient capacity for children living in Aston Clinton to access primary and junior education within the parish.

Objective 8: To support the development of existing locally-based businesses, including retail, to ensure that the parish is as economically sustainable as possible when taking into account any new development

Objective 9: To encourage new businesses, and facilities for community use, through the possible establishment of a new commercial village centre

Objective 10: To improve the health services and health facilities for the village