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**Murton Parish Neighbourhood Plan Working Party**

**Report to the Parish Council March 14th of a meeting of the**

**Working Party on March 4th 2017**

**Present: Richard Clancey (Chairman), Denise Rothwell, Denise Wells, David Waddington (Acting Secretary)**

1. **Local Plan**

**It** was noted that the latest draft of the City of York Local Plan- Publication Draft February 2018 (Regulation 19 Consultation), has been published. It impinges directly on the Neighbourhood Plan and it was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that it should again restrict to its comments to two Spatial Strategies which are of direct relevance to the Parish:

**SS2 The Role of York’s Green Belt**

**SS9 Land East of Metcalfe Lane**

1. If that is agreed, the Parish Council should, in turn, restrict its comments on SS2 to its value and that of two relevant sections in the Local Plan, Section 9 Green Infrastructure and Section 10 Managing Appropriate Development in the Green Belt, for guiding future planning decisions in the Parish. However there should be a strong rider that all depends on proper use of enforcement as recommended in the National Planning Policy Framework 207.
2. It was also agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that it restrict its comments on SS9 to how the new ‘garden village’ would affect Murton. There are three main effects
3. the environmental impact on the City
4. the environmental impact on our Parish
5. the impact on the Parish and neighbouring parishes by the increased traffic

It will be noted that no account was taken of our arguments at the last consultation on these three aspects and instead the number of dwellings has been increased.

1. To ask the Neighbourhood Working Party to complete the appropriate forms, send them to all members of the Parish Council to have a chance of final comments by March 25th and send them to the Chairman of the Working Party who will be **responsible for the final copy to be sent to the Clerk for onward transmission by April** 1st. The closing date for responses is April 4th but having an earlier date gives time for any last minute alterations.
2. **Parish Boundary Changes**

It was noted that, following correspondence with Cllr Warters, Andrew Flecknor, CYC Electoral Services Manager, has written to say that is completing the Community Governance Review, and consultations will hopefully begin at the end of March and that he will share the draft consolation papers with the parish councils in advance of it beginning.

It was also **noted that the** Chairman of the Parish Council replied to say that the Parish Council had no wish to reopen he discussions and even consider transferring houses from one parish to another and that the Council remains strongly of the opinion that the*status quo*is highly desirable*.*  The Murton Neighbourhood Plan has been granted the Parish boundary as it presently exists.  Analysis of the recent questionnaire for the Plan showed that we did not receive a single comment about the boundary.

The Working Party was agreed that the Parish Council should do its utmost to preserve the present boundary and elicit the help of our Ward Councillors to do so on the grounds that these are historical boundaries, they make the parish viable, that we have shown that we can look after this area of the Parish very well, and our Neighbourhood Planning will be held up for months on changing the boundary.

Further it was noted that, contrary to what we had assumed, we were not charged for grass-cutting in this area and, iff we lose this area, it is likely that our Precept would be ca 40% lower.

1. **Meeting with Rebecca Harrison (City of York Council)**

(Rebecca Harrison is the CYC officer appointed to guide our Neighbourhood Plan).

The meeting was reported in the previous report.

The Working Party discussed the various elements and the following points were noted:

1. ***Nature Conservation sites***

A field has been identified following a search that the Working Party had commissioned, off Murton Way that has survived improvement because of the construction of the railway line isolating it from the rest of the field system. As such it retains its old ridge and furrow system. It is bordered to the north by a small beck that forms the old parish boundary with Osbaldwick’. In a report on it, it was noted that ‘Such meadows are invaluable wildlife sites with less than 200ha of old neutral grassland remaining in the York area’.

Nadine Rolls, the Council’s Countryside and Ecology Officer will submit an application for SINC status to the North Yorkshire SINC Panel for formal recognition.

1. ***Greenacres***

The plot of land, known as Greenacres, on Murton Lane, has not been included in the final Local Plan Publication Draft February 2018 (Regulation 19 Consultation. It was therefore agreed not to include the site in our Plan.

1. ***HMOs***

The most recent data on HMOs in our Parish show that 11% of dwellings in the Parish are HMOs and that this figure implies that there are over 20% in the Hull Road Area. This figure is a *minimum* as there are others which have been agreed since records began.

It was agreed that this problem should be addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan.

1. ***Appendices to the Neighbourhood Plan***

It was noted that we need to prepare the following appendices

1. A **Strategic Environmental Assessment (at time of public consultation)**
2. A **Habitat Regulation Survey (at time of public consultation)**
3. A **Basic Conditions Statement (after public consultation)**
4. A section which has the **Application and Boundary (at time of public consultation)**
5. A **Consultation Document (after public consultation)**

We will have help from the Council with these and it is proposed that we also obtain help from Dave Chetwyn, our Consultant (see 4 below).

1. ***Employment sites***

We were concerned about the possibility of the boundaries for our three employment sites creeping outwards but Rebecca advises that the status of the Green Belt, when finally agreed in the Local Plan, will ensure that development will be restricted.

1. **Meeting with Dave Chetwyn**

David reported on a meeting he had with Dave Chetwyn in Liverpool. Dave had made several suggestions to improve the draft of the main document and is marking up the document in its Word form.

Dave had also given outline advice on the appendices (see 3 above).

It was agreed to ask the Parish Council to apply for another grant from Locality to fund his assistance. The fund is being reopened on April 1st or earlier.

1. **Web site**

Denise W outlined the progress made with the new Parish Council website and his was welcomed. It was recognized that the web site was essential for it is the main outlet for news of the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

A new section dealing with the Plan has now bend produced for the web site.

It was agreed to ask the Parish Council to give a fuller account of the reports sent to them or provide them as an appendix to the minutes in order to satisfy the conditions imposed on us by legislation.

1. **Next meeting**

It was agreed to keep open the date of the next meeting.