**Murton Parish Neighbourhood Plan Working Party**

**Report to the Parish Council April 12th 2017 of a meeting of the**

**Working Party on April 9th 2017**

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

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

David reported that he had met Rebecca Harrison to discuss a variety of issues stemming from the draft of the Neighbourhood Plan. The following are the issues discussed:

1. ***Boundary changes.***

This consequence is that if we have a new boundary for the Parish, we may need to reapply for Neighbourhood Plan status. Rebecca does not think that this is a cause for concern.

Although this makes a significant difference to the writing of the Plan and our timetable, Rebecca has offered to supply all the revised data that we need for Section 3.

1. **Farm buildings**

If we discuss development of farm buildings, we should bear in mind National policies, NPPF Sections 79-92, which limits development in the Green Belt.

1. ***Timetable.***

The timetable for the Local Plan is being pushed back by ca 6 months because the Army may be releasing some very important land in Fulford and in Strensall so that other land may not be needed for housing. The consequences may not affect us at all, except for sites adjacent to us. There will be another round of consultations, this time being broader than the last one which was only concerned with preferred sites.

1. ***ST6***

ST6 is in the Green Belt.  Therefore if we include ST6 in the Neighbourhood Plan,

prior to the Local Plan, we may have to make the case for it, involving an environmental appraisal.  Rebecca will discuss this point with Martin Granger.

1. ***Information for the Neighbourhood Plan report***

Rebecca has offered to send us the following:

1. maps to include in the Plan.  We must ensure that proper acknowledgements (Council copyright data) are given. She will arrange for them to be annotated for us, for example numbering particular sites so that we refer to them easily in the text.
2. the necessary information and maps that show clearly the boundaries for the industrial/commercial areas.
3. the comments made on ST6 during the last consultation.
4. The first inspection of a Neighbourhood Plan is being carried out, Poppleton. The report due in May should give us a good indicator on what is required.
5. ***Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan.***

Rebecca has read the first 3 sections of our draft and has promised to read the rest. She has so far offered the following advice (which is relatively easy to do) on the order and content. She thinks that the order should be:

(i) Introduction, followed by

(ii) a shortened Context, followed by

(iii) a brief section on Community Engagement, followed by

(iv) Vision, followed by

(v) Policies.

(vi) Finally, a section on Non-Planning Issues.

This would mean that much of the Context (old Section 3) would go into an annex.

Thus there would be a series of additional papers which include

* Context (much of old Section 3)
* A detailed description of Community and Stakeholder Engagement (an expanded version of present Section 4)
* History

There would be other annexes, perhaps, for example, a detailed study of the questionnaires which would come after Community Engagement.

1. ***Next drafts of the Neighbourhood Plan***

First, we will redraft the Plan along the lines above and then see whether it hangs together.

Then we will send the draft to Rebecca for comment.  Following that, we will redraft and send the next draft to her to ensure all is well.

Then we submit it to the City Council formally so that they can arrange for public consultation (known as Regulation 14).

1. **ST6**

Richard reported that he had visited households near the proposed ST6 site. All were appreciative of the stance that we were proposing.

1. **Communications with the industrial/commercial/farming sectors**

Richard and David will make proposals at the next meeting.

1. **Questionnaire 2.**
2. It was agreed that arrangements for the questionnaire for the housing adjacent to the Hull Road should be delayed until we know whether or not they remain in the Parish.
3. It was noted there had been no further comments from the Parish Council about the content of the questionnaire for the village.
4. It was agreed to have the questionnaire printed by Inprint. David agreed to ask them when it can be printed.
5. It was agreed to have a closing date of May 14th 2017.
6. It was agreed that we should distribute and collect them by hand.
7. It was noted that there were still a few problems with the online edition but that Denise W was confident that these will be overcome shortly.
8. **Next meeting**

The next meeting will be arranged when further business warranted it.