**Murton Neighbourhood Plan**

**Progress report to the Parish Council**

**December 14th 2016**

1. We have been discussing the draft report with Dave Chetwyn, our advisor.
2. In the report, we have to nominate any green spaces of special importance. We have had a meeting and further correspondence with the North and East Yorkshire Ecological Data Centre whose office is in York, to seek evidence of interesting plots from their records. We are seeking a meeting with Bob Michin who was the Ecological Officer for the City of York Council and who has retired. He may be able to help us as he has explored this parish a few years ago for the Local Plan.
3. We are seeking a meeting with the Ruffoth Neighbourhood Plan group. Ruffoth is ahead of us in developing their Plan. Their parish has some similar features as Murton and the group is said to have prepared a good draft.
4. We are now in touch with the Home Group who own several dwellings in the Redbarn Drive area. We would like to have observations from them about their experiences in managing houses in this area.
5. We have been informed that the City of York Council will be giving us a grant of £3000 towards the production of the Plan. The Clerk will shortly be receiving further information from the Council.
6. We have now reached the end of the latest grant from Locality and will be considering applying for another grant to help us complete this work.
7. The next major activity is the construction of a detailed questionnaire based on the official evidence that we have garnered and from the answers to the first questionnaire.
8. We await the next phase of the publication of the draft Local Plan.
9. We are concerned about the possible changes of boundary of the Parish at this stage in the development of the Plan.
10. We will be corresponding with the Parish’s Web Officer, to discuss a more comprehensive web account of the Plan. This will become more important as we come towards the publication and consultations that we have to undertake.

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