

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING SESSION NOTES

Date:	9 December 2021
Venue:	The Maltings Café
Present:	Julia Davies (Chair), Rob Bennett, Sarah Chapman, Andrew Clayden, Mike Dormon, Robin Jewett, Clare Maynard, Jan Reynolds, Maria Tasker, Gini Trower, Anne Washbourn, Christina Whellams (Secretary)
Apologies:	Rowan Lloyd, Sharon Strutt, Jacqueline Veater

Working Notes

- An offer has been proposed for 20 test pits by Websters. Volunteers of the Steering Group will sift soil, and an exhibition will be held if anything is found. The works are to be undertaken within a 1-year period commencing in Spring 2022.

Updates on Policies

- Work on the Consultation Statement has been progressing and focus has remained on the policies.
- There was a query with the format of the action plan that is to be used.

Brainstorm of items for the Action Plan

- Electric charging points along towpaths.
- A strategy to increase trees within the village.
- Renewable solar panels.
- Recycling.
- Public toilets close to the playground.
- Cycle racks at the station.
- Cycle parking for houses.
- Regular road maintenance.
- Dog poo bins.
- Benches along the river.
- Encourage river sports.
- A wheelie bin for boat-users had been requested but the Canal and Rivers Trust had declined the request.
- A community park around the Kitten Lane area.
- Cleaning up chalk streams.

Catching up on dates and countdown to Regulation 14

- There are delays with the SEA (Strategic Environmental Assessment) which will put a further delay on documentation being prepared/circulated to the parish councils. Regulation 14 is therefore likely to take place around mid-March.
- The next edition of the Three Villages Magazine will be on 1 March.
- Websters are meeting with the Netherfield Lane residents on 13 December.
- The Evidence Base [information to back up the plan] is being worked on and includes all reports (AECOM, etc.)

AOB

- Finance – there has been no spend other than the consultant's fee. Any orders/payment must be done so and paid for by the end of March.
- Open Day – agreed that 1 event should be sufficient.
- Communications Sub-Group – are looking to hold a pre-recorded webinar and hosting an open Q&A session.

Date of Next Meeting

- Working Session – Thursday 20th December to review the policies
 - Steering Group – Wednesday 12 January 2022 at 7.30pm on Zoom to formally agree the policies
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ACTIONS:

No actions