

Minutes of Little Hallingbury Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Monday 29th Oct 2024 7.30pm.

Present: Cara Fitzgerald, Brenda Layton, Val McKirdy, Sue Meyer, Keith Summerford.

Apologies: Jane Fitzgerald, Donna Johnson, Ben Maclean, Robert Wingard.

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

Oct Coffee Morning and Consultation Event Oct 2024:

The Coffee morning and Consultation event attracted 60 people; those who attended were engaged with the subject, with many staying some while to read and understand what was on display and ask questions.

Feedback has been received from 50 residents to date (as at 26th Oct); they completed the survey either on a form at the event or via the online Survey Monkey link. The results show a high degree of support for the LHNP Vision and Objectives, Policy Intentions, Design Codes, Landscape Character & Important Views and Protection of Local Green Spaces. A couple of people responded 'unsure' on particular issues.

There were a number of comments made in the feedback received, these were discussed and will be responded to by topic and communicated to residents.

It was encouraging to have two residents volunteer for Speedwatch at the Coffee morning and these people are now undergoing training. There were two other offers to volunteer which are being followed up.

Those who provided their contact details to be kept up to date with progress of the LHNP, will be advised of the final results and the responses to the comments made.

Next Steps:

Further evidence gathering is now needed for certain of the LHNP policies. In particular; Green Space Audit, Important Views Audit, Business Survey and Farm Diversity, Bio Diversity.

The Business Survey second draft is to be reviewed and a list of village Businesses to be contacted compiled.

Planning Consultant:

We will need some advice from a Planning Consultant for certain aspects of our policy intentions and we will now look to identify the appropriate person to do this.

Locality Grant:

In order to carry out the next phase of the LHNP we will need to apply for further Grant monies from Locality once we have identified the costs. This grant funding, as before will need to be used by the end of the financial year i.e. 31st March 2025.

Neighbourhood Plan support from RCCE:

We have received a message from Nicky Joshua RCCE with a calendar to book her attendance at our future Steering Group meetings. We will see which date is appropriate to invite Nicky along again.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS: MONDAY 18th Nov 2024 at 7.30pm at Little Hallingbury Village Hall.