

**FLORE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN  
MINUTES OF STEERING GROUP MEETING**

Held at 7.30 pm on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 at Rock Springs, Sutton Street, Flore

**Attendees**

Tom Higginson (TH)	Chairman	
Andy Anderson (AA)		Heather Anderson (HA)
Geoff Fellows (GF)		Sue Halkett (SH)
Sue Kerrison (SK)		John Miller (JM)
Nigel Strang (NS)		

- 1. Apologies:** Rosemary Read, Duncan Shepherd, Damien Long
- 2. Approval of previous meeting minutes:** The minutes of the meetings held on 13<sup>th</sup> October and the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> October, were agreed as a true and accurate record. HA/JM
- 3. Grant Application.** TH informed the group that he has applied for the bridging grant available from Locality in respect of the Plan. TH will advise when feedback has been received.
- 4. Locality Workshop.** AA attended the workshop. Most of the items looked at had already been addressed by the Group. TH will forward on the email of the course to all, for information.
- 5. Village Boundary and Draft Policies, update:**

**Village Boundary:** AA showed a version of a proposed village boundary which was accepted as being well thought out by the Group.  
The feeling was that as the parish already has planning consent for 97 houses it may be acceptable to have a Plan with development from specific infill/built in areas of the current village, although a possibly policy on this would need to be worded carefully. A new defined boundary line could be the way to go. Comments included: Possibly not doing a 'call for sites' letter, however some landowners may wish to be included in the Plan. A meeting will be arranged with Tom James from DDC to see whether this is a feasible option and the plans will have to be run through Kirkwells as well.  
JM also showed a map of the parish with a lot of the owners of the fields identified. There are still quite a few gaps to fill in though.

**Policies:** Kirkwells will be commencing on the draft policies for the Plan, based on the survey results. Group would prefer as much as policy as possible.  
TH suggested a policy needs to be clear that it is - to be appropriate infill rather than inappropriate. He would speak to Kirkwells to ask if limited infill for call for sites, within village or a blanket policy for infill.

**Ideas discussed at the meeting:**

Policy Ideas from "The vision and objectives"

Definition of the parish character (see also VDS)

1. Village surrounded by agricultural land (and with working farms).
2. Community of mixed tenure dwellings with wide social mix
3. Many small businesses and people working at home
4. Community facilities providing focus for communal interaction.
5. A number of identifiable areas with their own architectural styles and a wide range of house size, age and style with a limited range of materials.
6. Views in and out of the village are an intrinsic part of the visual character
- 7 Large mature trees within

**The vision for Flore**

A parish that retains and enhances its character and develops in a sustainable way that meets the needs and aspirations of all who live and work in it.

**Objectives**

To ensure that if more new housing is required it is provided in small scale developments within the defined village boundary. **Defining village development boundary - policy**

To define a new village boundary within which any new development will be accommodated. **This could be amalgamated with above.**

To ensure that housing choices are available for all sections of the community. Affordable housing to include all tenures (shared ownership, 'affordable' rent). Mix of Sale housing to include 2 - 3 bed houses and single storey dwellings. - policy

To ensure that new development is of the highest design quality and sustainability and that market and social housing are integrated and indistinguishable. - policy

To protect and enhance the quality of open spaces within the village. Include the Green, and the old orchard between chapel Lane and Kings Lane? policy also restrict backland development? policy

To protect and enhance the key strategic views into, out of and within the village. Include retention of many mature trees in rear gardens - important element in this regard. policy

To link the north and south of the village once the by-pass is built with a new linear green space with reduced traffic speeds on the High Street Development which has a frontage or boundary on the High St is to take account of this objective. policy but otherwise an objective

Identify potential uses to which community infrastructure levy funds could be put. All CIL funds employed in helping to achieve objectives. Not a policy,

To provide realistic support for recreational facilities that meets the needs of the Parish. Not a policy, - an objective

To support services, shop and other facilities and employment opportunities of appropriate scale policy to look favourably upon proposals enhancing this type of provision.

To promote safe walking and cycle routes both within the village and to nearby villages and towns. Objective rather than policy, except where directly associated with new developments

To support retention and improvement of bus services to and from the village. Objective rather than policy.

## 6. Next Steps:

AA & HA to take draft plan of boundary to Tom James

Kirkwells to put together draft policies for consideration

TH/AA to speak to Director Transportation at the County about Flore – post bypass, the impact on local businesses and aspirations of the linear park area

AA to speak to Anglian Water

TH to speak to RR about English Heritage Toolkit for assessing character of the village

Next meeting: TBC

TH was thanked for his hospitality