

FLORE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
MINUTES OF STEERING GROUP MEETING

Held at 7.30 pm on 24th 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)		Damian Long (DL)
John Miller (JM)		

Also in attendance Claire Parker – Kirkwells (CP)

- 1. Apologies:** Rosemary Read, Duncan Shepherd, Nigel Strang
- 2. Approval of previous meeting minutes:** The minutes of the meetings held on 10th November were agreed as a true and accurate record. AA/HA
- 3. Brief walk through of jobs to be undertaken from last minutes:**

AA & HA to take draft plan of boundary to Tom James. Tom James was happy with the boundary, in principle. He offered a few alterations. To be discussed further
Kirkwells to put together draft policies for consideration. First draft received.
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. TH has drafted up a letter to be sent to NCC re the bypass. Group was in favour of this being sent before the NCC budget. TH has arranged a meeting shortly.
AA/HA to speak to Anglian Water. Confusing, no one is taking responsibility for the surface water drainage in Flore. Any new developments will be responsible for surface water drains.
TH to speak to RR about English Heritage Toolkit for assessing character of the village. Not undertaken yet.

HA has also spoken to NHS – Head of GP Services for this area (Lynne Doulton), Flore Primary School and Champion Secondary School and a brief update was given on all conversations.

5. First Draft of the Plan.

CP talked the Group through the first draft of the plan. Comments were:

Para 1.14 – insert text from ‘Village Context’ (information from HA/AA)

Para 1.17 – Remove

Para 2.16 – Change 520 houses to 521

Para 3 – Vision. CP advised Group to add/remove whatever they felt necessary to improve wording.

Para 4.1.3 Policies. Primary or Secondary service village – not too sure likely to be secondary. DDC’s growth target for houses – only 500 to go!

Para 4.1.4 – Remove

Para 4.1.9 – add in Core Strategy policy

Policy F2 – Scale & Type. CP advised to add what we wanted in this section.

Q: Can we add rural exception site policy? A: yes, if we wish

CP agreed to add information from the Census in between policies 1&2 including a breakdown of how many 1 and 2 bed rooms in the village.

HA asked if it was possible to add in a re-worded HS22 policy somewhere in the document.

CP answered that the majority is already included, albeit spread about.

Policy F4. Under (b) remove the word ‘grain’ insert ‘layout’

Policy F5: Views – same as VDS with a few more! CP to send through a base map.

Policy F6: Comment - All new development to satisfy the policy.

Policy F7: CP advised Group to think about areas to insert. CP will send a base map. HA advised that it could be copied over from the VDs, plus a few more

Policy F8: Community facilities – list all you can think of that you want to protect.

Policy F9: Think about the list. Prioritise and assess what you want to take forward.

Policy F10: Look at the wording to support the plans. Redefine the A45 to include a village green, probably easier to show as a drawing.

Policy F11: Traffic management. County Council are generally the runners with this. Just need to support it.

Policy F12: Possibly cross reference with Policy F9.

Policy F13: Check: There maybe other things to include. AA's 'Good Quality Design' could be one of these.

Policy F14: Business: Not a big issue from the questionnaire. Could encourage barn conversions to be businesses rather than housing?

Policy F15: Reword to cover rural enterprise.

Next Steps

CP advised it would be a good idea to have an informal consultation before a formal one. Likely timescale could be mid-January with formal consultation in February. Policies need to be 'out there' so people can comment on.

TH advised that these timescales would work as the funding runs out at the end of March.

Consultation would be on website, with locations where hard copies are available to view. Information could be got around in the Messenger/NP page

CP suggested Group look at design of front and back cover

AA/HA put to the group that the policies stand out better if in a coloured block. Agreed. Colour to be based on the logo.

Job allocation:

Request for all to read through the draft discussion document and send through any additional comments

SK will call the Millennium Hall booking clerk to see what dates are available in January.

Who will coordinate views and response?

Next meeting: TBC

TH was thanked for his hospitality