

# A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR EGERTON

## WORKING GROUP

Minutes of meeting Wednesday 19 June 2019 at 7.30pm, Hall Committee Room

1. **Present:** JC (Chair), JCr,GH, RK, IM, CS, LT (Sec)
2. **Apologies for absence:** EG
3. **Declarations of Interest:** GH (relatives' land) RK (re. older people's housing)
4. **Approval of minutes of last meeting 16 May 2019**
5. **Action and follow-up points from previous meeting**
  - Trees, hedges etc GH reported that as Egerton's Tree Warden he had a meeting lined up on 17 July with the regional warden and it was agreed it made sense to await the outcome of that meeting to help identify trees that were veteran, ancient or worthy of Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs). TPO data from ABC;s interactive website will be the best starting point. **Action: GH +LT**
  - Communication: JC said that sadly, there was no feedback from anyone following the last Egerton Update publication. GH said he would continue to add information or requests for feedback on social media. **Action: GH**
  - Heritage sites: CS will be speaking to Helen Garnett (ABC) about mapping heritage sites and will compile a list of officially-listed sites and others that have been itemised as part of this Group's project. **Action: CS**
  - Green Spaces: our consultants had produced a revision to the list produced by EG and LT and had requested confirmation of the location of one site. **Action: LT**
  - Revised timetable: This was now on the website. Although it was acknowledged this was ambitious, it was necessary to keep up momentum.
6. **Site assessment criteria**

Consultants had made further suggestions to the assessment matrix that would be taken on board before it could be used to evaluate potential sites for development. It was agreed that sites would need to be assessed on paper and at their location. GH offered to plot the sites with GPS. **Action: LT, GH**

It was agreed that each of the landowners should be issued with a letter (tailored to meet individual circumstances) setting out: the results of the Housing Needs survey, namely the number of affordable homes needed for local people; if there was scope for recreation facilities where none exist close by; if there was scope for non-commercial value of land, bearing in mind the need only for affordable homes; scope for parking facilities; reference to there being no demand for more bungalows since they will be catered for on the Orchard Nurseries site; no case for one or two houses for private sale only – such proposals would fall outside the scope of the NP and would be for ABC to determine; where there were covenants on land, details would be requested of the landowners. As for businesses, it was questioned whether there was scope for use of any of the existing brownfield sites. More thought would be given to this. **Action : JC would draft letters and circulate them to the Group for**

**comment.** Once the responses to our questions about scope had been received, the sites would be visited, sifted and short-listed against the matrix.

#### 7. **Neighbourhood Plan draft policies**

JC had circulated a first draft of a set of policies, based on earlier contributions. Some of the Group had commented but more input was needed. JC requested written comments as soon as possible, and sought further contributions where there were gaps, and help in proofing the documents to remove duplication. **Action: All to send comments to JC by 5 July**, covering:

- Sections 1- 5 Introduction etc
- Section 6 policies and evidence:
  - PROTECT**
    - History & geography
    - Landscape
    - Green spaces
    - Distinctive character
    - Key views and vistas
    - Heritage
    - Tranquillity, safety & dark skies
  - SUSTAIN**
    - Sustainable future
    - Business
    - Education
    - Rural economy
    - Village assets
    - Public infrastructure
    - Climate change
  - DEVELOP**
    - Key aims
    - High quality design
    - Housing needs survey
    - New road site
    - Sunpatch site
    - Windfall development
    - Infrastructure
    - Business development
    - Land for recreation

#### 8. **Footpath proposal Forstal to main village**

JC floated the idea of improving and enhancing the footpath network from the Forstal to the school/top of the village as a sustainable and no carbon foot-print initiative. This was welcomed and it was agreed this should be followed up with the Parish Council and the Geoff Wickens Trustees.

#### 9. **Preparation for meeting with EPC 10 July**

It was agreed that EPC would be given an Agenda, the framework for the NP and policy statements as so far drafted, in advance of the meeting. **Action: JC**

**10. Preparation for village event**

It was agreed that the time frame was too tight for 13 July, given the work involved to draft policies and assess sites. It was agreed that instead the event should be on Saturday 21 September in the Hall from 10-4 (subject to no clashes) and would need to be publicised in the August Update. **Action : EG, JC, LT**

**11. Any Other Business** - none

**12. Next meeting: 10 July with EPC; 11 July NP Group.**

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.