

Minutes of the Sileby Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee Meeting
held on Thursday 25th January 2018 at 7.00pm at
Sileby Community Centre, High Street, Sileby, Leicestershire

PRESENT

Cllr Liz Astill (chair) (Chair) –
Susan Astill
Philip Crawley
Liz Jones
Cllr Billy Richards
Roger Lanza

Peter Astill
Ady Crawley
Jon Frost
Cllr Val Marriot
Peter Small

Mr Gary Kirk YourLocale
Mr Paul Goodman – Minute taker

087/17 WELCOMES AND APOLOGIES

Cllr Liz Astill welcomed Roger Lanza and Susan Astill to the meeting.
Apologies were accepted from Emma Compson.

088/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Existing declarations remain.

089/17 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

089/17a Accuracy

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Advisory Committee Meeting held on
30th November 2017

089/17b Matters arising

080/17 The Chair reported that EC had been in touch with Locality regarding the
possibility of applying for further funding.

The Chair reported that EC had put the information onto Facebook.

At this point (7.12pm) Philip Crawley and Cllr Billy Richards joined the meeting.

The Chair reported that EC had drafted an update for key stakeholders.

The Chair reported that EC had contacted those residents who had expressed
interest and invited them to come on to one or more of the theme groups.

Request to Office to update Action Status report accordingly to reflect the above
actions.

090/17 UPDATE ON CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Chair reported that:

An application had been received and permission granted for 170 new houses at Peashill.

LCC Highways and Charnwood Borough Council are defending the refusal of the Seagrave Road application at appeal at the end of February.

There is an application in for 23 new houses at Seagrave Road.

There has been a scoping from Gladmans for 230 houses behind Barnard Drive.

091/17 THEME GROUP UPDATES

091/17a - The Housing group had met and begun analysing a lot of statistics. They had noted that Sileby had accommodated pro rata a lot more development than the rest of the borough. They would now be looking at the HEDNA (Housing Development Needs Assessment) report.

091/17b – The Environment group had held a number of meetings and continued its work field walking, looking at green open spaces including the park. They will map and number the green spaces looking for future possible opportunities eg the creation of a community woodland. They had also noted those housing estates where openings had been left for road access should future planning development be given to extend onto what are now the green fields. They also identified housing of historic character that the village would wish to protect.

091/17c – Cllr Richards reported that the Community Facilities group analysis continued to be split between Sport and Non-sport. They had been analysing the issues presented through the questionnaire and considering possible policies and solutions. Cllr Richards was also doing a Youth survey.

092/17 FUNDING

The Chair circulated information supplied by the Council breaking down how the Neighbourhood Plan grant money had been spent to date.

093/17 PROGRAMME

GK believed that the work of the theme groups was very important and should not be rushed. He felt that work would probably continue until the end of May. The Neighbourhood Plan, therefore, was unlikely to have statutory force until early

2019. It was disappointing that Charnwood Borough Council don't have specific housing number targets over the lifetime of the emerging Local Plan. YourLocale facilitators will continue to help to structure the work in readiness for writing the draft Plan.

094/17 COMMUNICATIONS

The Chair explained that EC felt that the group needed to increase the supply of updates to the Parish Council regarding the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Richards reported that the Parish Council is considering a change of website provider to one which allows for far more responsive updates. The meeting agreed the desirability of the Parish Council providing updates on Talk at Sileby and encouraging people to get more substantial information through Facebook and the Website.

094/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

094/17a Local Strategic Plan questionnaire

The Chair informed the meeting of a programme of consultation events coming up regarding the Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Growth Plan.

094/17b Community actions – an idea for consideration

Cllr Richards floated an idea of creating a community enterprise to, on behalf of all Sileby groups, source grants with which to put into action the things that the Neighbourhood Plan process has given voice to. He and EC had discussed how to enable this initiative to get going because they believed that the Parish Council lacked the resources and capacity to do so. He referred to evidence from another Parish Council elsewhere in England which had been successful through the creation of community shares and a community energy scheme. He asked members of the committee to indicate whether they supported the proposal and whether they would want to get involved. He emphasised that the intention was not to work against the Parish Council but to add value by taking forward opportunities that the Parish Council couldn't take on.

Members of the NPAC generally supported Cllr Richards' proposal. GK thought it was a very positive idea but recommended that some formative work be done to consolidate the understanding of how it would link to the Parish Council.

ACTION – It was agreed that Cllr Richards take his idea to the Parish Council.

095/17 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 22nd February 2018 at 7.00pm.

Then 29th March, 26th April, 31st May.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.20pm.