

## Steering Group Meeting 15 March 2017 10 to 11.45am

**Present:** Amanda Thorn, Roy Warnes, Jo Denny, Ken Winterbottom, Martin Livermore, Rob Foden, Malcolm Turner, Pam Freeman, Arthur Greeves

**Apologies:** Peter Topping, Meg Holland, Judy and Alan Oswald, Chris Livermore

The aim of the meeting was to continue drafting the Vision Statement and Objectives (approximately 5-10) for the NP using the ideas and comments from the workshop on the 2nd March 2017.

### Vision Statement

AT Vision statements should be short, precise, not muddled

Phrases suggested by SG. Thriving, embracing, community, sustaining, embracing change, changing in an organic way, sustainable rural community, atmosphere, conserve and improve, enhance.

MT suggestion:

*Whittleford will continue to be an attractive and a desirable place to live. It will provide a good quality of life for all members of the community within a sustainable, protected and enhanced rural environment. There will be opportunities for businesses to thrive within a parish with (such?) good transport links.*

ML suggestion with amendments during meeting:

*Whittles ford Parish will remain an attractive and desirable place to live meeting the housing needs of all ages. It will be a thriving and sustainable community supported by appropriate infrastructure, providing a good quality of life for all residents in a rural village environment which maintains green areas that provide a haven for wildlife. Retaining a range of employment that continues to be easily accessed via a range of transport.*

### Objectives

What do residents want to address and what is in the NP remit? General resident's thoughts are that the village should stay broadly the same. SG's thoughts on objectives.

Objective 1 - Looking at change, managing development.

***Be compatible with the appearance and setting of buildings and the surrounding area [words need to be added regarding energy efficiency].***

Objective 2 – Economic. Local businesses

***Sustainable local economy supporting existing and prospective businesses where appropriate.***

Objective 3 – Housing

No draft as yet prepared at SGM, but the need for a housing objective recognised.

Objective 4 –Transport

The NP can identify that the station and the pedestrian bridge needs improving, but the NP can't make it happen. The NP can say that if development occurs, improvements to the station are something we want to see. PC can also lobby Network Rail.

***Maintaining sustainable links/connectivity around and within the parish whilst seeking to influence improvements.***

Objective 5 – Infrastructure.

Wider/broader infrastructure such as community provision, schools etc. Not just roads etc.

***Maintain and enhance the existing provision and ensure appropriate new provision is made should development occur.***

Objective 6 Environment

***Protecting and enhancing the rural character and heritage of the village within the wider landscape of the Parish.***

## **NEXT STEPS**

1. Finalise drafts of Vision Statement and Objectives to send to SCDC for approval. Once approved a soft consultation with residents and businesses. Aim for April.
2. Context pages for the NP. Need one or two volunteers.

3. Each theme needs to be evidence based, Have information from consultation/drop-in/workshops, but will also require relevant census information, also information from SC Website as to how they supported their plan.

- Environment & Heritage

Views to protect need photographs, photographic survey with owner's agreement ideally.

- Transport, PF believes she has relevant document to support. Statistics on station usage must be available already somewhere. All evidence to be supported in footnote with a page reference. How long this will take is unknown at this stage.
- Community Assets group still does not have a facilitator. JO and AO, MH previously offered to help. Need to set out what exists, where it can be enhanced, list priorities for funding from any development money. If there is to be a lot more homes in the South end of village, what might be needed?

It was discussed that Transport and Infrastructure group would change to transport only and infrastructure to fall under the community assets group as infrastructure in the broader sense includes community provision such as schools. Community assets and infrastructure needs to include priorities for funding from future developers.