

NHP Steering Group Meeting - 14th August 2023

Attendees

Angela Johnson

Pat Amos

Wendy Vickers

The Steering Group are still waiting for approval of the grant from Locality, the application was submitted 06/082023 for a total of £6607, it is hoped that it will be granted before the end of the month. The subscription for Survey Monkey is up for renewal during September 2023 so it was decided that if the grant had not been approved by the next Parish Council meeting then it would be on the agenda for the councillors to approve for the Parish to pay the £420 subscription. (Pat)

Angela and Maureen had met with Gareth Martin, FDC on the 8th August 2023 to update FDC as to the progress of our NHP and get advice/direction on where we go from here. Gareth gave us some general guidance and also forwarded the contact details of other people who could help. (Angela to contact the various agencies/people.)

Two letters have been drafted, one for the Homeowner's that have been identified for the Non-Designated Heritage Assets list, a copy of the planned layout that will be inserted into the NHP document will be sent with the letter (Angela to speak to the printers to get A4 copies done - 80) and one for the Stakeholders, local businesses, industries, farmers and developers. (Pat to send Angela a list of local businesses, Angela to speak to FDC planning for a list of present developer names). Drafts of the letters will be circulated to the Steering Group for approval. Once approved letters will be posted or where possible emailed, the Non-Designated Heritage Asset letter will have a tear off reply section plus an email address, the letter to state that 'no response' will be taken as a 'yes' approval.

A printed copy of the latest NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) 2021 will be circulated to the Steering Group once Angela has highlighted the relevant Neighbourhood Plan inclusions. (For information only). We also now have a printed copy of the new emerging Fenland Local Planning Policy but that is a lot of reading.

There was a discussion regarding the next questionnaire to be sent out to the local residents regarding Local Green Spaces and Non-Designated Heritage Assets, lists have to be prepared both for the NHP and for FDC. Questions regarding the new Local Nature Recovery plan are also to be included. The Steering group need to produce a biodiversity report for the NHP (Angela to contact agencies to ask about funding for an ecology report).

There was discussion about including something referencing the proposed

reservoir development and it was decided that the Steering Group would contact the reservoir planning team and ask some questions regarding their outline plans:

Linking villages to the reservoir, all local villages have major roads to cross in order to reach the proposed site.

Their biodiversity plans

Visitors policies

Business ventures

Wendy is to produce a draft questionnaire that can then be added to, ready for distribution early September 2023, leaflet deliveries to be done by the previous company as costs were included in the grant application.

Next meeting to 5th September 2023 at 1400 hrs, please let me know if that is suitable for everyone.