



# Walkeringham Neighbourhood Plan

## Steering Group Meeting

### Minutes of the meeting held 2 March 2017

Walkeringham Village Hall

Present: C Howard (Chair), A Hayward (Co-ordinator), S Beard, G Oxley, J Roberts, B Roberts, D Johnson (part), M Dilly, S Spencer and James Green (BDC)

Apologies: I Heath and P Hooton

#### 1. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

#### 2. Effectiveness of Neighbourhood Plans

There was a general discussion regarding the effectiveness of NHP's and whether or not they were always recognised by Planners/Planning Committees. C Howard gave examples whereby the NHP had been 'ignored' and planning decisions made were contrary to the wishes of NHP's. Recently a planning decision had gone against the wishes of the North Wheatley NHP. James Green reassured the meeting that NHP did influence the outcome of planning decisions. However, to make them more robust it was now felt essential that site allocations were included in the plan. Any site that was not allocated in a NHP would not be supported going forward. North Wheatley is to revise their plan and are to go through the site allocations exercise. The Steering Group agreed that this was the way forward for Walkeringham NHP.

James Green confirmed that NHP with allocated sites could now receive funding of up to £15K from Locality.

#### 3. Result of survey

There was a brief discussion about the results of the survey and the general consensus was that they were much as expected.

#### 4. The Way Forward

##### a. Sustainability Appraisal and Scoping Report

James Green had put together an initial draft of the scoping report which would be developed during the Neighbourhood Planning process.

##### b. Site Allocations

The site allocations process starts with a 'call for sites' notice. This should be widely advertised throughout the village. BDC had carried out a similar exercise as part of the Bassetlaw Plan Exercise. Landowners in the parish would then have the opportunity to put their land forward for consideration. BDC would be involved in the process by carrying out initial site assessments on the land put forward. Those deemed suitable for development would then go on and be part of a public consultation process whereby residents would



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be given the opportunity to comment on the sites. A Hayward to draft up the call for sites notice.

**c. Character Assessment**

An optional Character Assessment or Design Assessment can be included in the NHP. Technical help and support is available from Locality. A Hayward to look into this.

**d. Drafting of Plan**

Helen Metcalfe was to be instructed to commence the initial drafting of the plan using the results of the survey as a basis. This would be progressed at the next meeting.

**5. Items for the next agenda/Date of Meeting**

Next meeting: to be arranged. A Hayward to check H Metcalfe's availability and confirm date.

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