

**BURTON OVERY PARISH COUNCIL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING**

MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2015

PRESENT: Mark Firth (Chair), Gary Kirk, Mary Parker, Mike Castleman, Craig Langton, Barbara Lloyd

1. APOLOGIES – Sandra Dudley, Dave Fletcher. Could all apologies please be given with at least a day's notice if possible.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
Accepted as correct with no matters arising.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None.

4. GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS
Gary Kirk had circulated the draft terms of reference. He added that some NPs had been challenged by developers but all had been rebuffed. A NP cannot promote fewer new homes than required by the District Council. Developers challenging housing allocations within NPs have failed, however, Gary thinks that the developers will now turn their heads to the process of the NP so we must follow correct procedures. The steering group must be as formal as the Parish Council is. This includes signing the Code of Conduct as per the Parish Council. The key issues for Burton Overy are housing and the environment. Gary will redraft the terms of reference which should then be placed on the website. Gary will also provide the information for the display boards to be used at consultation etc. and a sample questionnaire for the Steering Group to consider and approve.

5. VISIONING EXERCISE
Gary Kirk had circulated this and all had read it prior to the meeting. Gary is currently working with 12 parishes in the Harborough District.
Economy – Through the NP we may choose to support existing businesses, diversification of farms etc, but whatever we support must be suitable for the village.
Community Facilities – We can safeguard these and prevent change of use, i.e. we could protect the pub as an asset of community value.
Transport – Here there are four areas of issue:
If there are to be developments we can determine the road layout within
Highways issues can contribute to a decision about where any new housing may be within the village
If there are to be developments we can request contributions from developers for road works
Issues can be identified to be taken forward by the Parish Council alongside the NP
Footpaths and bridle paths are all good and a priority for the NP may be to keep them well maintained
Housing – On the subject of housing Gary informed the meeting that Harborough Council does not have enough land to satisfy the demand for housing over the next five years. The NP will affect the village for the next 15/16 years. The village has 23 listed buildings and we can add

more as a 'local listing'. Affordable housing for locals was discussed and Gary informed the meeting that the government is to offer a 20% discount for starter homes.

The Natural Environment – Most of the surrounding fields are protected and we can add to this list and obtain protection that is almost equivalent to green belt. Craig Langton mentioned that some of his hedgerows are very old and Gary agreed that this is a very important point to make in the NP.

6. NEXT STEPS – Consultation and Questionnaire

Gary Kirk will provide display board examples and template letters for stakeholders together with a list of stakeholders. Gary also thought that the consultation event could be paid for out of grant monies. Stage 2 grant to be applied for – Gary to start application process.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A logo for the NP was discussed. It was decided to hold a children's art competition 'My Village and Me'. Barbara to mock up a poster to advertise this.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be advised.