

## **Marden Parish Council**

Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group Meeting on  
Wednesday 30 July 2014 at 19.30 in Marden Community Centre

### **Notes of the Meeting**

**Present:** Michael Parkes (Chairman), David Bennett, Robin Brook, Arthur Fraser, Sandra Gladwyn, John Roberts, Jon Stannard, Nick Webster and Bill Wright

**In attendance:** Alison Sutton Parish Clerk

**Apologies:** None

- 1. Consideration of themes for the Neighbourhood Development Plan** – There was a wide-ranging discussion of themes and issues within the parish, using the working paper of ideas produced from Steering Group member's thoughts in recent emails (tabled at the meeting). Various general points were noted for the Clerk to get information on for future meetings:
  1. The SEA map – meaning of black spots; which part of Burmarsh is identified as a hamlet.
  2. A new Housing Needs Survey is required to identify current need.
  3. Definitions of social and affordable housing.
  4. Tree preservation orders within the parish.
  5. Litmarsh, Burmarsh and The Vault are all identified on the 4.21 list of small villages in the HC Core Strategy – may need specific separate policies.

Draft themes were identified – see separate document – to be considered with Kirkwells at next meeting.

A draft vision and objectives were considered:

The vision of the Marden Neighbourhood Development Plan is that Marden will remain a largely unspoilt, natural and scenic part of Herefordshire primarily undertaking agriculture and small business, maintaining the social fabric and community spirit of Marden village and the surrounding hamlets within the parish.

The objectives are:

- The provision of a range of suitable dwellings
- Enhancement of suitable infrastructure, physical and broadband
- Protection of open spaces and areas having natural beauty and significance.

- 2. Open forum** – As no members of the public were present, no further points were made.
- 3. To note date of next meeting** – Wednesday 6 August 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre – with Kirkwells.

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