

Marden Parish Council

Neighbourhood Development Plan Review Group Meeting on
Wednesday 17 June 2020 by Zoom

Notes of meeting

Present: David Bennett, Kate Ryan, Mike Blake, Rod Lees, Richard Paske, Andrew Matthews, John Roberts.

In attendance: Parish Clerk Alison Sutton.

Apologies: Paula Barratt, Paul Sant, Nathan Jackman-Smith.

As this was the inaugural meeting, there was no agenda.

David gave the background to the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) and the current review process:

- The process in Marden started in 2011 and made first real progress in 2014 when a questionnaire was sent out to every household
- In July 2014, the NDP Steering Group was set up which worked to bring forward the Marden NDP that was adopted (made) by Herefordshire Council on 12 October 2016
- Since then used for PC responses to applications and proved to be robust document
- NDP allocated for 35 more dwellings than required to meet minimum number of 104 given by Herefordshire's Core Strategy (CS) – so has weight in planning terms, even though Herefordshire not met its 5-year land supply target, currently at 4.05 yrs and likely to go down
- When Marden NDP adopted, gave 2 yrs of protection, even though no 5-yr land supply
- But out of 2 yr time, therefore expect challenges to NDP from developers as soon as current phosphate issue resolved – in Marden and every other part of county as no 5-yr land supply
- To regain protection, need substantial modifications to NDP including site allocation – can be small site allocation 1-5 houses
- Herefordshire started review of CS, aim to come out with draft end of 2021 – may lead to increase, decrease or the same allocation for new dwellings in Marden parish
- So current review is Interim Review, may need another when know if allocation from reviewed CS changes
- Choice – do something now to regain 2 yr protection, as CS review likely to take 5 yrs or wait to start process until draft CS out and know if allocation increased
- NDP review may need
 - Wording change to current policies
 - New policies eg environmental
 - Allocation and Call for Sites
 - Regulation 16 consultation, examination and referendum, even regulation 14 to start with
 - Support from Kirkwells Planning consultants who worked with us before
- Grant available from government of £7,599 plus extra £8k if do a Call for Sites
- Kirkwells fee quote £9,310 + £4,500 for Call for Sites

David explained Conflict of Interest issue – if any member of the Group intends to submit a site to the Call for Sites, they must declare a conflict of interest and would not take part in any discussion relating to the Call for Sites process.

Agreed:

1. To set up Review Group
2. Review how NDP can be strengthened in relation to applications
3. Consider new policies – heritage, environment, protected views, agriculture and others
4. Issue Call for Sites once reviewed but develop criteria for Call in conjunction with review

5. Next Zoom meeting Wednesday 1 July at 4.00 pm
6. Zoom meeting with Kirkwells Wednesday 15 July – to be confirmed with Kirkwells.

ACTIONS

Action	Person
Read NDP and other documents and come to meeting on 1.7.20 with ideas for changes/additions to NDP	ALL
Send Kirkwells quote to Group and other Cllrs	Alison
Send draft themes document 30.7.14 and NDP Summary document to Group	Alison
Update Terms of Reference for 1.7.20	Alison

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