

MINUTES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
STEERING GROUP MEETING
Held on Wednesday 7 July 2021
At 3:00 pm



Attending: Chairman, Cllr D Thomas, W Mack, G Hogan, Mrs D Dolley, Mrs Y Scriven

1. **Review of draft HRA and SEA Screen Reports**

These had been circulated and were agreed with a few slight grammar/spelling errors.

A discussion took place as to whether this was the right time to send these reports to the District Council as it would probably require a copy of the Draft NP to be included. The current draft, whilst quite extensive, still needs information on Site Viability and possibly Wildlife Corridors and is a long way from being sent out for consultation. It was agreed to ask Kirkwell's advice as to timing and whether or not a draft NP was required and if so, when was the best time to submit to the District Council, etc.

2. **Formation of a Working Group on Wildlife Corridors**

Kirkwells had advised this topic should be included in the NP. Contact had been made with Worcestershire Wildlife Trust, Steve Broomfield, who had not initially been sent a copy of the Biodiversity Report. A copy had now been sent to him and it was agreed to ask him to attend the next Steering Group meeting to discuss this in more detail and how it could be incorporated in the NP.

DD said that if it was decided to do this work, then a possible Working Group could include herself, Yvonne, William and Gary from this group plus Sarah Green and Mervyn Needham.

3. **Technical Support for Viability Assessment**

The grant application had been successful and Viability reports on all three selected sites would be provided by AECOM at no cost to the Parish Council. We are currently awaiting further contact from AECOM. It was agreed that the consultants should be advised to contact local estate agents for information on local market conditions.

4. **Survey Monkey**

The annual subscription would be £384 and it was agreed that we should not renew this and if required at a later date, then we could re-register.

5. **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 18 August at 3:00 pm subject to Steve Broomfield being able to attend.