

NORTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING STEERING GROUP**Date:** Thursday 24th September 2015**Time:** 19.00**Venue:** Norton Village Hall**Secretary:** Nigel Allcott**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

Minute	Agenda Item/Outcome	Action
	Record Attendance, Apologies, Absence. Group Attendance: Nigel Allcott Katherine Brown Robert Twitcher Carole Child Steve Mason - Councillor Stephanie Goulden – Councillor (Part) Tony Heathcote David Birtles Invitees n/a	
15.09.05	Acceptance of Apology Angela Feltham, Barry and Andrea Coleman, Anne and Charles Cooper	
15.09.05a	Introductions Each member of the group introduced themselves and it became clear to the group that between members we have a broad range of experience which will be very useful in helping develop the Norton Neighbourhood plan.	
15.09.06	Appointment of Chairman Following a brief discussion it was decided that Members of the Group would take the Chair in rotation. For this meeting Katherine Brown took the Chair. The Group may review this policy as we get further into the planning process and we understand the requirements and obligations on the steering group.	
15.09.07	Appointment of Administrator As with the Chair the group will share the secretarial duties for the steering group until we understand the process. Nigel Allcott offered to take the minutes for this meeting.	
15.09.08	Approve Minutes The Group reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting and agreed that they represented a true record of events.	
15.09.09	Design questionnaire for initial consultation with electorate The Group discussed topics that they feel are important to the Parish and could be considered for the Neighbourhood questionnaire. The Group also considered comments submitted ahead of the meeting by Mr & Mrs Cooper and by Mr & Mrs Coleman – see appendix. Tony Heathcote also provided notes which are included in the appendix.	

Subjects considered:

Protection of green space between Norton Village and Daventry expansion areas, preserve views

Traffic management and parking

Protection of village heritage and identity - conservation of walls/canals

Wildlife protection strategy

Street lighting/dark sky zone/light pollution

Guidelines for new housing design, building policy (In-fill, affordable, Housing Assoc?)

Recreation space/community facilities/playgrounds

Cyclist safety/cycle paths/footpaths/ramblers

Public facilities - sewerage/recycling/connection to national gas network/Broadband/shops

Protection of archaeological sites - Roman (Bannaventa)/Saxon/Mediaeval/abandoned villages

Community cohesion - care for elderly, children's needs, scarce services (doctors, dentists etc)

Support for farmers, local business (inc Heart of Shires and 2x pubs) and home worker interests

Protection of disused railway line

Views on Wind turbines/solar farms

Crime and safety

Country park access and other leisure amenities

Interest parties to be consult:

Adjacent Parishes

Canal & River Trust

Canal users & other tourists

Model flying club

Allotment users

These ideas are not an exhaustive list. Based on this list Katherine offered to draft a questionnaire for the next meeting.

Some subjects may not be directly appropriate to a Steering Group questionnaire. However, there may be merit in asking related questions to the Parish electorate to understand village sentiment on such topics, even if they fall outside the final scope of an approved Neighbourhood plan.

Katherine Brown

15.09.10	Create Planning Timetable This item has been deferred to a later meeting as the group understand the process requirements.	
15.09.11	Create Funding Timetable This item has been deferred to a later meeting as the group understand the process requirements.	
15.09.12	Appointing a Planning Consultant The members discussed the presentation made by Kirkwells at the previous meeting. The group still felt that these consultants should be compared to a possible alternative service offering. The group would be interested to hear a proposal from Landmark Planning before making an appointment. The Clerk to the Parish to be asked to invite Landmark planning to the next meeting or at their earliest convenience.	Angela Feltham
15.09.13	Next meeting date Thursday 22nd October at 7pm David Birtles or Charles Cooper to check hall availability with Roger Saunders Meeting closed 21.10	David Birtles/Charles Cooper
Signed Chairman	Date

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Appendixes

Email submission from Charles and Anne Cooper

All,

Here are Anne and my questions /concerns.

- 1) That Norton will become subsumed into Daventry and lose its village identity. Coupled with this concern is that crime may increase alongside any housing increase
- 2) The sewage farm is already known to be operating at full capacity so cannot cope with further housing. What plans would there be to address this?
- 3) There is already too great a flow of traffic through the village and an increase would be dangerous, especially for children and the elderly. We would like to know at what stage in any development we could expect to see traffic calming measures implemented
- 4) The impact on wildlife would be devastating, especially for bats, foxes and badgers. Also concerned at loss of hedgerow used by birds and bats. We would therefore like to see plans to address such concerns
- 5) We are concerned about an increase in light pollution from any increase in housing
- 6) As it is likely that we will have some form of development forced upon us then we wish to see some benefits. This could be provision of gas into the village. We understand plans to improve broadband are already in hand. We do not wish to see an increase in amenities as this appears to be a reason why Norton is deemed to have plans for small scale development.
7. What guarantee do we have that the lorries for the Daventry infrastructure will not come through Norton?

Thanks

Charles and Anne

Comments from Barry and Andrea Coleman to Charles' email.

We agree wholeheartedly with Anne and Charles' view. To add that the design of the plan is of great importance so as to maintain the vernacular and appropriate architecture if the beautiful, and our own, part of Northamptonshire. It will be so sad to lose the 'hamlet' character of a village we treasure.
Andrea and Barry Coleman

Notes provided by Tony Heathcote

Norton Parish Neighborhood Plan

1

Review & be guided by Norton Village Design Statement - revise views on Architectural vernacular in line with current thinking ie. Differentiating between Old & New through use of good design and materials where appropriate.

2

Adopt measures to mitigate impact of Churchfields -

3

Rephotograph views of Parish - Village Buildings, Agriculture/Farming activity, Businesses, Canals/Boating, Wildlife and Leisure.

4

Produce and include a Drone Video of Parish

5

Due to proximity of Monksmoor & Churchfields, adopt measures to mitigate unauthorised use of Canal Towpath and Footpaths (Motorbikes/Dog Fouling) and encourage responsible and recreational use of same. Liase with CRT)

6

Seek views on benefits of proposed Daventry Canal Arm Pros & Cons (Funding & Maintenance etc.)

Tony Heathcote