

SHEEPY PARISH COUNCIL

THE VILLAGES OF

Sheepy Magna, Sheepy Parva, Sibson, Wellsborough, Upton, Pinwall and Cross Hands

Sheepy Parish Neighbourhood Plan

1. Progress against Plan

- 1.1 We continue to remain broadly on track against our plan, which is attached for information.



Sheepy NDP plan as
of 4th Apr'16.pdf

- 1.2 Following the two community drop in events held in Sibson and Sheepy Magna respectively, the RCC has collated all of the views expressed and provided final reports. Copies are attached for information. We are utilising these reports to help inform the contents of the questionnaire currently under development and which we plan to distribute to residents in the early summer.
- 1.3 We have conducted a selection process for a planning consultant to assist us with the preparation of a vision and objectives that accord with local planning objectives and other relevant national and European requirements. Our preferred candidate is Colin Wilkinson of PlanitX and we are in the process of agreeing the scope of the services we may require.

2. Budget

- 2.1 The Parish Clerk attended the April meeting to get a better understanding of our budget and to meet the new finance officer, Brian Screamon. Following the meeting a revised budget for 2016/7 has been prepared and is attached below.



Budget 2017.PDF

- 2.2 All groups writing a neighbourhood plan are eligible to apply for up to £9,000 in grant funding from the Department for Communities and Local Government. Funding received has to be for future activity but must be spent within 6 months of receipt. We submitted an expression of interest and are now in the process of collating the information required to complete a bid application, via the Parish Council, to cover the activity of the planning consultant required for the next stages of the plan.

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- 2.3 HBBC has also confirmed that Sheepy Parish is one of its priority areas in terms of supporting Neighbourhood Planning during 2016/17, and that financial support will be available. Edwina Grant will be meeting with the RCC in the next few weeks to agree the number of hours that can be supported.

3. Communications

- 3.1 We will continue to issue progress updates via the Parish Gazette, and our facebook and twitter accounts. No articles were submitted to this month's Gazette.

Andrea Johnson

Chair

28 April 2016