Sheepy Parish Neighbourhood Plan

1. The Planning Officer at Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council has advised that it received no objections to the applications for designation of the neighbourhood area, and the formal designation should be received shortly.

2. As verbally advised at the September meeting, two members of the Steering Group have resigned for personal reasons. The Group is seeking to replace the members but in the meantime we are not aligned to the requirement in the Terms of Reference for the Group to include one representative from each ward within the parish. The Steering Group therefore resolved to amend the Terms of Reference to include this as an aspiration rather than a requirement. The revised Terms of Reference will be presented to the Parish Council for signature once available.

3. The communication plan has begun with an article in the Community News section of this month's Parish Gazette. We have also selected a website provider and are working on the construction of the site.

4. Following an initial meeting with the Rural Communities Council (RCC) the Steering Group hopes to engage them to assist in the neighbourhood planning process and to provide the independent verification required. A further meeting with the RCC is being arranged to discuss potential services in more detail, following which a proposal will be prepared.

5. We are exploring the feasibility of beginning the consultation process with an open evening in December to gather stakeholders' views. Nearer the time, we would like to advertise this by way of posters on appropriate street furniture, if the Parish Council has no objection. We will ensure these are removed promptly after the event.

6. There are also plans for suggestion boxes to be located at key points around the parish for residents and local businesses to provide comments at their convenience.

Andrea Johnson

Chair

6 October 2015