

SHEEPY PARISH COUNCIL

THE VILLAGES OF

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

Sheepy Parish Neighbourhood Plan

1. The Steering Group has now approved the attached terms of reference.
2. The Chair and Vice Chair of Market Bosworth Vision attended the August Steering Group meeting and provided us with a very useful and informative presentation on their experiences in developing a Neighbourhood Plan.
3. In particular the Market Bosworth representatives emphasised the need to have all evidence verified contemporaneously at every stage by an independent body. This includes, for example, details of those attending consultation events as well as responses to consultation exercises.
4. The Market Bosworth representatives also advocated spending time gathering stakeholders' views (including those parishioners not yet eligible to vote and businesses) before issuing a formal questionnaire. This ensures that the questions cover all key areas and provide responses which are structured to facilitate the production of the plan. With the benefit of hindsight they felt that had they spent more time on this stage, they could have improved their questionnaire by refining the questions asked.
5. Market Bosworth Vision employed the Rural Communities Council (RCC) to assist them and provide the independent verification and greatly valued found the experience and suggestions the RCC brought to the process. The Steering Group is arranging for the RCC to attend a future meeting to discuss whether it would be appropriate to utilise them in a similar role.

Andrea Johnson

Chair

7 September 2015