

# SHEEPY PARISH COUNCIL

THE VILLAGES OF

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

## Sheepy Parish Neighbourhood Plan

*A summary from the February Steering group meeting with subsequent updates.*

### 1. Progress against Plan

1.1 The Sub groups have worked hard on the questionnaire results under the group Headings of:

1. Facilities, Business and Services.
2. Traffic & Transport.
3. Housing & Heritage.
4. Renewable Energy, Environment, Open Spaces & Public Rights of Way.

Each sub-group presented at the February steering group meeting, their detailed findings reflecting people's concern and opinions.

1.2 Colin Wilkinson of Planit-X has met up with the Vice Chair & Secretary on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017 for a tour of the Parish in daylight and to discuss the next steps in drafting polices. This tour helped Colin to better understand the (rural) characteristics of the Parish and the neighbouring surrounds.

1.3 As a result of 1.2, we were able to see an initial example of a policy document that might be a suitable starting point for our own policy document. This is still very early days as it still needs to incorporate the feedback from all of the sub groups, but was very encouraging indicating a productive way of working with Planit-X.

1.4 At the end of the meeting, it was agreed that the results of 1.1 would be summarised and checked to ensure Young Person's comments were considered, and then passed onto Colin for further analysis. Colin will attend the March steering group meeting to present his work to date based on our and the parishioner's guidance

### 2 Budget

2.1 Rob Ward, who is kindly still helping out with this function, presented the latest Financial report to the group.

2.2 The Parish Council approved budget needs to be reviewed as the costs for the data input is not as high as first anticipated. There is also a commitment for the scanning of the questionnaires.

2.3 Locality grant:- Extended until the 31<sup>st</sup> March. It is anticipated that we will apply for the remainder of the available Locality funds to support 2017-18 Neighbourhood Plan activity

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### **3 Communications**

3.1 Following on from the distribution of the Primary Findings pamphlet in January, there is not much that needs to be done in the way of communications Currently

3.2 The Communications Officer is to update village notice boards, thanking parishioner's participation in completing the Questionnaire.

### **4 Steering Group**

4.1 There are no changes to report but our thanks go to the people who very kindly helped us to distribute the Preliminary Findings Pamphlet

Mick Toogood – Chair

John Ward – Vice Chair