

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 April Steering group meeting
with subsequent updates.*

1. Progress against Plan

Our recent meetings have tended to switch between working on the Policy and keeping up to date with the normal activities of the SG. The last meeting on the 27th April was a mix of the two. Three key points from the meeting regarding the plan are:

- 1.1 SG to challenge and verify the Policies in the latest version of the NP Draft document for accuracy of data. Furthermore, there is the need to check that issues identified by the Questionnaire Sub groups have not be omitted from the NP Draft document. It was agreed that the Questionnaire Sub Groups be rotated such that they temporarily take responsibility for a different section of the questionnaire.
- 1.2 Some further work is still required as the SG needs to decide the composition of the 'Local Heritage Assets' list together with the reason why the asset is important to the Parish and to further discuss policies on Housing Mix and Affordable Housing.
- 1.3 Colin Wilkinson has advised that we need to still add more supporting maps to the plan and so we are going to ask HBBC to produce the appropriate maps to support the Neighbourhood Plan by the middle of May 2017. If HBBC cannot meet this deadline we would then ask if the task could be outsourced or, alternatively, they support the PC to acquire the necessary current licences, in order for the SG to produce these maps.

2 Budget

- 2.1 Locality - The Finance officer is to ask Locality if the PC can continue with the services of Planit-X as it previously met the Parish Council's 'Planning Consultant Vetting Criteria' and to give continuity to the project.
- 2.2 The SG has been requested to supply relevant financial information in order to estimate all expenditure for the remainder of the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

3 Communications

- 3.1 A note to say that the Communications Officer has updated village noticeboards, thanking Parishioners' participation in completing the Questionnaire, and put a notice on Sibson Village noticeboard asking for volunteers to join the Steering Group. (No responses to date). The website is now also up to date.

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- 3.2 The Finance Officer was asked if he could discuss with both the Clerk and the Chair to the PC about changing the SG email and postal contact details, on the Neighbourhood Plan website and the Neighbourhood Plan' Draft Document to be that of the Clerk to the Parish Council rather than the SG Secretary.

4 Steering Group

- 4.1 No news except the SG continues to work hard to maintain the momentum on the production of the NP policy document which is now heading towards the first draft for discussion with the PC (see below)

5. Recommendations for the consideration of the PC.

- 5.1 – Extension of the Neighborhood plan to the year 2036.

The Sheepy Parish SG would like to recommended that the scope of the NP be extended from 2026 to 2036.

Reason – Initially recommended by Colin Wilkinson to bring the NP plan into line with those of HBBC

Evidence - HBBC said they would support the notion of extending the Sheepy Neighbourhood plan to 2036. This should result in a better alignment between our Neighbourhood Plan and future HBBC plans.(Verbally confirmed with Secretary in conversation 20th April)

In addition, we have reviewed our TOR to make sure we were not contravening our own rules or commitments (to the 2026 date) and also the questionnaire/walk in documentation for similar references. We could find nothing within either documentation sources that would suggest this change would present a problem.

Communication – it would be our intention to advise the Sheepy parishioners of this proposed date change when the plan goes out to referendum

- 5.2 Request for an extraordinary meeting

The SG would like to request the Parish Council to call an extraordinary meeting on either Tuesday 13th or Tuesday 20th June 2017 to validate the NP Draft Plan.

Mick Toogood (Chair)