

SHEEPY PARISH COUNCIL

THE VILLAGES OF

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

Sheepy Parish Neighbourhood Plan

A summary of progress and of the November Steering Group meeting with subsequent updates

1. Progress against Plan

1.1 Questionnaire update:

- 1.1.1 The collection was concluded on the 31st October.
- 1.1.2 655 Adult questionnaires and 92 Young Persons questionnaires have been returned representing response levels of 77% and 71% respectively!
- 1.1.3 Following the Parish Council approval of the funds to sub-contract the data entry of the questionnaires into a database hosted the RCC (Rural Community Council), focus has been on advancing this task.
- 1.1.4 As of 4th December, all Adult questionnaires have been entered. Confirmation is pending as to the verification being completed by Genus. Once received, the Vice chair and Secretary will further verify a sample to ensure accuracy of our digitised data.
- 1.1.5 Entry of Young Person's questionnaires completion is expected within a week.
- 1.1.6 A 'first cut' high level analysis will be carried out immediately by the RCC. In addition, a ½ day has been arranged between the RCC, Planit-X (our chosen planning consultant) and the Vice Chair and the Secretary to further develop this first high level analysis.
- 1.1.7 The Steering Group meeting in December will focus solely on reviewing these first analyses with a view to providing a short, 3-4 page feedback to the entire Parish via drop leaflet in January, on the initial observations.

1.2 Our plan has been updated to reflect the latest situation and now targets completion around October 2017 (see separate document).

1.3 The Vice Chair recently attended a LCC Neighbourhood Plan workshop forum at County Hall. This was a chance for all those involved in Neighbourhood Planning across the county to share experiences, concerns and to generally network. Many useful points resulted which will undoubtedly help us in the future (see separate debrief document shared with NP Steering team).

1.4 Next steps

- 1.4.1 Publish an update on questionnaire first observations to the whole parish.
- 1.4.2 Carry out further, more detailed analysis of the questionnaires (Adult & Young Persons) in the new year.
- 1.4.3 Develop draft Policies on the priority areas.

2. Budget

2.1 Locality funding – the period for spending has been extended until the end of March 2017.

2.2 The Steering team is seeking to engage Planit-X over the next 3 months to help with policy development; this work being funded by Locality.

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3. Communications

3.1 A $\frac{3}{4}$ page article was published in the December Gazette updating the Parish on the project, what we are aiming to achieve, what we have already achieved and what our next steps are for 2017.

4. Steering Group

4.1 Chris Bailey from Sheepy Magna attended the November Steering group meeting as she had expressed an interest in assisting with the project next year.

*John Ward
Vice Chair
4th December 2016*