

## Hardwicke Parish Council

### Neighbourhood Plan Development Steering Group

#### Notes of Meeting held May 21<sup>st</sup> 2014

##### Present:

Kevin Marsden (Chair)

Fran Welbourne

Gill Brearley

Matthew Parker

Graham Brearley

Ian Widdows

Dianne Green

Kevin Lee

Elin Tattersall (GRCC)

##### Apologies

Apologies were received from David Mossman (Chair of Parish Council), Fr Andrew James, Phil Addle, Parish Councillors; Theresa Harrison, Andrew Gough and Lyn Welbourne.

##### Survey Results

Elin Tattersall from GRCC guided members of the group through the results of the survey and highlighted the headline issues. It was evident that a number of comments made by residents in response to the survey were outside the remit of the Development Plan and were more appropriately dealt with through the normal business of the Parish Council.

Elin circulated a briefing note, 'considering suggested aims for Hardwicke NDP arising from April 2014 survey' the main topic identified from the survey was for ***Establishing a Defined Centre for Hardwicke***. The challenge for the steering group and the parish council would be how to develop this aim and to identify what a village centre should look like. Linked to this aim, the survey highlighted the need to provide/maintain service and facilities such as; post office, local shops, GP surgery and community facilities.

Respondents commented that there had been too much development and there was need to maintain a separation between Hardwicke and Quedgeley and to maintain a rural feel with the retention of hedgerows and ditches.

In respect of ***Communications and Transport***, the survey highlighted the need to consider road safety issues and that any future development should undertake a full assessment of highways impact.

***Homes to meet local needs***, Respondents to the survey commented that there was a shortage of bungalows and any future developments should be built to a high standard and developments should be of a smaller size such as a maximum of 25.

There was strong support for the NDP to address ***Enhancing the Local Economy*** and to seek to provide more local job opportunities.

Elin Tattersall agreed to undertake further work on the survey and to cross reference responses to specific questions and to link these to the summary report.

### **Next Steps**

Kevin Marsden suggested that the survey underlined the need for further work to be undertaken on the provisional aims. It was recognised that it would be too difficult for Theme Leads to develop responses to the survey in isolation from the rest of the group. It was agreed that the group would meet every two weeks and to undertake a 'workshop' approach to each theme and to develop ideas and initial proposals.

Ian Widdows agreed lead the discussion on Improved Services and Facilities and Maintaining the Community. Gill and Graham Brearley agreed to lead on Protecting the Environment; this would include protecting and marinating village greens.

Matthew Parker agreed to lead on Communication and Transport. Diane Green and Kevin Marsden would lead on the themes Homes to Meet Local Needs and Enhancing the Local Economy.

### **Communications**

It was agreed that the group would aim to have a display stand at the Village Hall Family Day on August 24<sup>th</sup>; the event was being planned by the Village Hall Committee.

Kevin Marsden had updated the Communications Plan for circulation and comments.

Kevin Lee reported that Theresa Harrison would use the HPC website to update information about the Neighbourhood Plan.

Kevin Lee reported on progress of setting up a new e mail account for social media. Ian Widdows and Matthew Parker agreed to set up Twitter and Facebook accounts.

### **Dates of Future Meetings**

**June 9<sup>th</sup> at 19.00** to consider themes Improved Services and Facilities and also maintaining the Community.

**June 18<sup>th</sup> at 19.00** to considering Protecting the Environment.

Meeting Closed at 21.25