

Weston & Basford Neighbourhood Plan

Steering Group Meeting 1

6th February 2015

Present: Trevor Gill (TG), John Chambers (JCH), Don Fanstone (DF), John Densem (JD), John Cornell (JC)

Venue: – TG

Main Issues discussed:

- **Current Position:** documentation being processed by Cheshire East to designate Weston & Basford as Neighbourhood Plan Area. Deadline for representations 24th Feb. (*Subsequent conversation with Tom Evans – to date no representations received. Residents are urged to write in and support the preparation of the Plan: this is to act as a counterbalance to any reps from the developer interests*). Info pack had been issued to Steering Group. Bunbury timetable was distributed along with 'Locality' Grant info. Aim to be well into the exercise within 6 months. Neighbourhood Plan needn't be site specific re housing – calculation needs to be made of additional housing required over and above Local Plan Strategic locations.
- **Preparation of leaflet to be distributed Parish wide:** JC to prepare draft. Text to be adapted from Bunbury leaflet and logo adopted for Parish Plan to be used.
- **Funding Bids:** DF to investigate through Locality. Info to hand suggests this is a straightforward exercise – size of bid and what it is to be spent on? A.Thomson will assist with this. David Owen to be requested to open a separate Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Account.
- **Questionnaire and draft vision:** members to consider and bring back positive suggestions to next meeting. Questions to be focused on housing needs, spatial separation and infrastructure. Parish Plan and Bunbury questionnaire to be used as guidance. No open questions. Questions to be designed to help provide firm evidence base which is critical to credibility of the Plan.
- **Other immediate actions:** JD to pursue the setting up of an Origin and Destination Survey with Cheshire East. Given current developer pressures on the Parish it is critical we have a positive feel as to the movement of traffic through our local road system. This will greatly assist in providing firm evidence base for infrastructure proposals.
- **Next Meeting:** If possible before end of February – date and venue to be advised. Main issues for consideration; leaflet and questionnaire. A Thomson, who will hopefully project manage the exercise for us and advise on detailed steps, to be invited following our next meeting – we need to have something positive to put on the table for discussion.

JC. 12th Feb 2015