

**WESTON AND BASFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN  
STEERING GROUP  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
HELD 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2019**

**PRESENT** Councillor J Cornell (Chairman)  
Councillor J Chambers  
Mr D Fanstone

**IN ATTENDANCE** Mr A Thomson

**APOLOGIES** Councillors J Densem and T Gill

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN MODIFICATIONS**

The Chairman and Andrew reported on a meeting which they had held with Tom Evans to gauge CE's reaction to the Policies to be examined in the Review. They were encouraged by the initial response. Andrew to chase Tom up for CE's formal comments.

A meeting had been held with Katherine Sather (Katherine Sather and Associates Heritage Conservation Consultants) regarding the extension of the Weston Village and Englesea Brook Conservation Areas and an assessment of significance and setting for Stowford cottages in relation to the proposed South Cheshire Growth Village. This could potentially lead to an additional Conservation Area at Stowford.

This work entailed a specialist knowledge of this branch of Planning and there were very few consultants experienced in this field. Kathryn Sather had been highly recommended, had a good track record within our region and were known and respected by Cheshire East.

The Consultants had quoted £4400 plus VAT for the two existing areas and a further £500 plus VAT for the Stowford area. Whilst the major part of the cost would be reliant on a Locality grant the work at Stowford could be financed by part of funds already earmarked by the Parish Council (Minute 101(b) refers).

**It was resolved that Kathryn Sather and Associates Heritage Conservation Consultants be commissioned subject to the provisos set out above.**

A meeting would be arranged to allow the Chairman, J Densem and D Fanstone and A Thomson to discuss the details of a new Locality Grant application with Katherine Sather. A date and time to be arranged – action JC.

Subject to it providing added value, additional work may also be needed by Cheshire Wildlife Trust. A Thomson agreed to approach Rachel Giles regarding a suggestion in the report for Phase 1 Habitat mapping across the N/P area.

**BUDGET PROVISION**

Consideration was given to the balances contained within the current Locality Grant and it was noted that the payment of professional fees to Thompson Planning Partnerships to the end of March 2019 and the payment of the hall hire for this meeting would conclude the expenditure in accordance with the budget and facilitate the submission of a further application.

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CHAIRMAN