

## Martock Neighbourhood Plan

Minutes of Steering group meeting Monday 10 April 2017

In attendance: Andrew Clegg, Neil Bloomfield (Chair), Tina Randall, Kathryn Pearce, Fergus Dowding, Patrick Palmer and Paul Weston. Paul Harding sent apologies.

### 23. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

- 23.1. The minutes of last month's meeting were considered, no comments were made.
- 23.2. Agreed to appoint Paul Weston, planning consultant for 13 days by end of October 2017. Need to get a formal quote, NB to action.
- 23.3. NB will forward Paul's email to Louise Treacher, and copy to all, re another Locality grant and finance generally.
- 23.4. Status of agreed actions from Action List

12.4/17	The Right Move data is not in the correct format. Action deleted
13/17	Terms of Reference still to be done
15.1/17	NB has spoken to SSDC re conservation area. Martock is not near the top of their list. Fergus will look at the conservation area with Patrick to assist, action to be amended to "by ad hoc committee". Fergus needs large map, AC to provide. Fergus to contact Greg Venn at SSDC
18.2/17	Links to 13/17. Still to be done
21.3/17	Existing funding: NB to follow up
21.4/17	Template topics: NB will circulate now
1.6/17	Evidence database still in progress
6.4/17	Patrick has spoken to MCF, they would like more detail but are on contact list
8.2.4/17	Housing need is in hand
	All other actions completed

### 24. Sub-groups on Flooding and Natural Environment

- 24.1. Flooding group meeting 26/4/2017. June Farmers' Market stall to focus on flooding.
  - 24.2. Natural Environment group is building up in numbers, proposal to crowd source data collection and will be focus for May Farmers' Market stall. We probably need a Green Spaces booklet, showing orchards, old fields, views etc. at the end of this process.
25. Farmers' Market Report from 8 April. Topic Traffic and Footpaths. About 45 people actively engaged with the stall and voted on the question of the need for a relief road, and the need for c. 1500 houses to be built to finance this. 4 were in favour of a relief road, 41 against.
26. M3 (Making the Most of Martock). AC attended and updated participants on steering group progress to date. We can get 5 of the questions from the Community Plan questionnaire analysed quickly, in time for Annual Parish Meeting on 11 May, but possibly not the Neighbourhood Plan questions which didn't produce easily summarised answers.
27. Housing – see minute items 20 from April meeting.
- 27.1. Decided not to identify specific areas for future housing, but to specify the criteria for development. Concerns over the potential influence of particular developers if specific areas identified. To use the Peripheral Landscape Study to identify areas where development would not be wanted. AC to produce a document to summarise and indicate what evidence we have got to support this.

- 27.2. Housing numbers. Discussed what our limits might be. No shortage of housing in Martock, but shortage of the right type of housing, i.e. starter homes and homes for older residents to downsize into. NPPF and recent appeals say that villages need to be protected. To avoid becoming a dormitory town job demand must support future house building. 230 houses is an indicative number, not a minimum or a target. Only commercial growth should lead to an increase in housing numbers, i.e. what the village needs not what developers would like.
28. Emerging Plan Policies. We are in a position to draft some policies now, particularly on housing numbers and housing demand which could be used to influence developers if they want to co-operate. See SSDC Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment ( HELAA) for parish analysis of land available.
29. Any Other Business. Fergus needs the Village Design Statement to be made into a document. AC to meet FD towards the end of April.
30. Next Meeting Monday 8 May 2017 at 6.00 pm please note earlier start time.