

3 Parishes Steering Group Minutes 26/04/2018

Present: Paul Nash; Keith Mycock; Lesley Norman; Penee Wallace, Helen Dutton; Geoff Turner; Matt Farmer (Shropshire Council);
Clerk: Melanie Joyce

As agreed by all persons present, Cllr Paul Nash (Adderley) took the Chair, opening proceedings at 7:30pm and welcoming everyone to the Meeting.

Notes from the previous Meeting held on 26th March 2018 were circulated for information and accuracy. Cllr Nash confirmed that the terms of reference has been circulated to the 3 Parishes. A letter has been received from Norton in Hales to confirm that the Parish Council is in agreement with Adderley Parish Council being the 'lead' Council for the purposes of the Neighbourhood Plan. A 'draft' formal notification has been posted on the 3 Parishes site. Some comments have been received but insufficient in numbers to permit submission to Shropshire Council. The 3 Parishes must submit sound reasons as to 'why' they wish to formulate a Complex Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that:

1. The 3 Parishes share a common boundary with Market Drayton
2. The 3 Parishes share the same rural geography
3. The 3 Parishes share a concern for the historic and environmental heritage, and wish to see a sympathetic future development plan which takes that into account
4. The 3 Parishes are registered in the Local Plan as a 'community cluster'

(Matt Farmer, Shropshire Council, joined the Meeting at 7:40pm.) The Group members discussed the need to create sustainable futures for the parishes, with an emphasis on appropriate housing provision. It was noted that the schools within the parishes are federated. Shropshire Council wishes to devolve some services to Town and Parish Councils which gives the opportunity for the 'cluster' to combine resources and create more of an active working partnership going forward.

Renee Wallace highlighted the need to also be able to justify why the Plan will include all areas, not just those currently earmarked for development. It was agreed that this justification would be given as:

5. The 3 Parishes wish to 'future proof' the land for future diversification of industry (currently agricultural in the main) and amenity areas; to maximise the potential of the land and capture the vitality and vibrance of the rural areas, recognising the economic growth potential of Shropshire and ensuring that the parishes have a role in that future.

Cllr Nash reported that he has requested A4 size maps to illustrate the area of the plan, which will leave out the areas in the parishes which Market Drayton have included in the town neighbourhood plan.

Matt Farmer gave an overview of his department's function and the work that they are doing for the Local Plan review in terms of allocating/creating amenity spaces and how

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people can access them, working to the Natural England standard to ensure that the population has amenity space of a recommended size within walking distance of their homes. Currently homes in rural areas have less access to green space than urban areas. He recommended a landscape asset survey for the neighbourhood plan. New areas in North Shropshire are being sought as additional amenity spaces. There is to be greater emphasis of keeping the population active and to increase general fitness and wellbeing.

Cllr Nash informed the group that the next step, having established the terms of reference for the steering group, will be for each parish to put forward c3/4 people to be members of the core steering group. This group will have the responsibility for overseeing the budget. In addition, a working group must also be established. The core steering group must be in place for the next meeting , to be held on 31st May 2018, in Adderley.
