

## Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Present:** Melanie Horrigan, Jo Wheatley, Harriet Burrow

**Apologies:** Corey Vost, Isabel Blackett

### 1. Independent Examination Arrangements

We have now had the Examiner's report back on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and it was very positive and complimentary:

Here are some extracts from the Examiner's report:

*"It is a Plan which deserves to do well both at referendum and as it is implemented through decisions which are made on planning applications in the parish"*

*"The Plan is an exceptionally good example of a neighbourhood plan. It is beautifully written and presented. It includes a variety of policies and seeks to bring forward positive and sustainable development in the neighbourhood area"*

There were a small number of modifications recommended by the Examiner around the practical implementation of some of the Policies and these were welcomed by the NPSG.

UDC are required to give a Decision Statement within five weeks of receipt of the Examiner's Report. The UDC Cabinet Meeting is not scheduled until 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 and therefore there will be an extension to the Decision of two weeks. The NPSG are agreeable to this timeframe.

### 2. The Referendum

Following receipt of UDC's Decision Statement, which will hopefully approve the Plan, we will be able to announce the date of the referendum which will be held in the Village Hall. The referendum is completely independent, organised by UDC and staffed by officers under strict electoral conditions.

MH to ask UDC to confirm when the postal vote will go live.

### 3. Village Magazine

It is hoped that the NPSG will be able to secure the front page of the Village Magazine to advertise the Referendum. The deadline is 21<sup>st</sup> August. JCW to speak to Village Magazine team to request front cover.

### 4. Next Steps

It was agreed that Ian Poole would compile and design a leaflet for a household drop in the village, as a reminder of the Plan and a request for residents to vote at the referendum. MH to take this forward.

JCW to investigate any residual monies and the process for releasing those monies as Ian Poole will charge for this leaflet.

It was agreed that we also need a banner and posters advertising the Referendum. JCW to consider how to take this forward with the Printer.

JCW reminded the Steering Group that a village resident (Shelly MacDermott) had offered her services to help with publicity (ie design of the banner, poster and the front cover of the magazine.) JCW to liaise with Shelly). NPSG would need to supply her with our logo etc.

MAH to draft timetable of publicity and actions leading up to the Referendum.