

Tarset and Greystead NDP Steering Group Minutes for meeting held on 4th November 2014 at 10 am

1. Introduction and apologies

Present: Darrell Jackson (Chair), David Watkins, Preston Hoggan, John Holland, Anne Monroe, Megan Nixon, Jenny Ludman (NNPA) and Kevin Tipple (NCC).

Apologies Mary-Lou Downie and David English (NCC)

2. Minutes of meeting 28th October 2014

Amendments to Draft Minutes:

5. Lanehead and Greenhaugh boundaries (e-mails from PH 24.10 and 25.10.14)

Third sentence amended to “It was agreed there is no need for an eastern boundary and the northern boundary will be at right angles to the road, eastwards from the tree.”

7.2 Amended to “It was agreed that their document should be entitled *Tarset and Greystead Landscape and Design Assessment*.”

Following these amendments the minutes were agreed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

4.3 Bill Burlton has maps of Tarset and Greystead which identify where archaeological sites are in forest areas. He is currently superimposing TAG map from Atlas of Archaeological and Historical Sites (2006) onto OSM which will be available to the public on completion.

The draft copy of Tarset and Greystead Parish Biological Records has been made available for the NDP. Once finalised, the document will be available to the general public, Jan Ashdown has agreed (on behalf of TAG) that the document can be used for reference within the NDP as well as be part of the evidence base. Jenny asked if the NDP should include a specific policy on bio-diversity. It was decided that references to bio-diversity in other policies (particularly landscape) will suffice at present. As smaller groups review draft policies with Jenny, any arising issues will be noted and brought back for consideration.

7. Consideration of request from Spence and Dower for further details. Spence and Dower have not been contacted.

Action: Darrell to contact Spence and Dower to ensure that the final document is received without delay.

Some discussion around proposed maps for Lanehead and Greenhaugh boundaries.

Action: Discussion defined in amendments to point 5 above.

4. Local Needs Definition

After discussion, it was agreed that the Local Needs Definition as presented at the last consultation event (25th June 2014) will stand with one amendment. The final sentence “The applicant must demonstrate a need to live within the National Park” in part vi is to be deleted.

5. Policy extracts for discussion

The basis of discussions centred on the document ‘Tarsest and Greystead NDP – Policy Extracts’, drafted by Jenny, which was distributed to the group prior to the meeting.

Jenny acknowledged and reiterated that all seven of these policies need further work on wording but the purpose of discussions was to formalise agreement on the principles and to clarify arising issues.

It was agreed:

1. The format for each policy will include:

policy intention which will relate back to the objectives ,

policy,

justification/ explanation/ rationale (unsure as yet what this subtitle will be)

Action: Policy intentions to be written by Jenny.

Jenny drew the group’s attention to Tony Burton’s Guide to Writing Policy. (previously circulated by email on 27.10.14)

2. The document rightly refers to “our” policies in the context of the local community. This is to be emphasised in the Chair’s Foreward at the beginning of the NDP.
3. TG1-New Development gives a more positive feel to the Plan. It reflects the strategic aspect of development.
4. TG1.5 General Development Principles is criteria based. Initially, small group will revisit policy to reconsider its length and the value of duplication of criteria (e.g. dark skies, tranquillity, landscape) within other policies. Will also look at wording of second sentence in TG1.5a.
5. TG2-High Quality and Sustainable Design reads better having the design detail within the justification rather than as a separate appendix. More information such as sketches and photos are to be included. The key principles are reflected in the policy.
6. TG6-Conversion of Redundant Buildings. Final sentence of policy to be amended to “Permitted development rights will be removed from consents for conversions where it is deemed necessary.” Some repetition with TG1.5 - to be reviewed by small group.
7. TG8 and TG 10 –Landscape. Two policies cover the three landscape character types by combining Rolling Uplands with Moorland and Forest Mosaic. For protection, the Railway Line and Sidwood to be incorporated into policy.

Action: Darrell to contact Ted Liddle (Sustrans) to gain background information about Railway Line.

Preston to attempt to define the recreational area of Sidwood. Kevin to check if NCC has a relevant map.

The provisional date to review these policies in small groups with Jenny has been arranged for 18th November from 9.00am onwards, in the village hall (tbc). Some smaller issues may be resolved through e-mail prior to this date.

Action: All e-mails about changes to all policies should be circulated to all members of the group so that everyone is kept informed.

Action: A rolling programme for individual policy sessions will be distributed to the group indicating the start time for each session. (Darrell / Jenny)

For information: Ed from NNPA has not yet sent the proposal maps to Jenny as arranged for 31st October.

6. Open Space Policy

When the boundary for Sidwood has been defined, it can be designated as a Local Green Space in the NDP under NPPF para 77. Need to list how the public currently use Sidwood e.g. recreational walking, bastle trails etc.

Action: Check Forestry Commission maps for assistance in defining recreational area

When information about Sidwood has been clarified, consult with Forestry Commission

7. Protection of old railway line

As for 5.7 above, Darrell to contact Sustrans

Action: Darrell to forward background information about the old railway line to Jenny.

8. Photos

It was agreed that up to date photos should be used to illustrate and reinforce the text within the NDP.

Action: Darrell to upload photos to Drop Box for the group to access.

Darrell to contact Simon Fraser and Barry Imeson to ask if any of their photos could be used in the NDP. A written acknowledgement would be included within the Plan.

9.AOB

After discussions, it was agreed that responsibility for layout of the final document will be considered at a later stage. Preference leaned towards keeping it within house rather than employing professional setters.

Heritage Policy 1st draft (6), 3rd November was distributed to the group.

Action: To be discussed at a later meeting, after small group meeting with Jenny.

The Consultation Statement is taking shape.

Action: Preston to forward electronic copy of consultation information from 25th June 2014 to Megan.

10.Date of next meeting: Tuesday 18th November 2014 in Village Hall. Small group sessions to discuss policies with Jenny. First session to start at 9.00am. Group members to be notified of timetable prior to the day and will only attend those sessions for policies they have drafted.