

**Tarset and Greystead NDP Steering Group Minutes for meeting held on 25th November 2014 at 10.00 a.m.**

**1. Introduction and apologies**

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

Apologies: David English (NCC)

**2. Minutes of meeting 4th November 2014**

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

**3. Matters Arising**

Re 5.7 Bill Burlton has confirmed he is getting boundary plans from the Forestry Commission which should define Sidwood. Kevin also has overlays showing the Forestry areas.

Final version of Spence and Dower's work is expected imminently. The Parish Council should have paid their most recent invoice by cheque, leaving £500 still to be invoiced.

**Action:** Darrell will check the PC payment has been made.

Re 7. Darrell has met Alex McLelland from the Forestry Commission, who is a member of a local group interested in developing cycle routes around Bellingham and the Upper Tyne Valley. One possible way is to form a Local Access group to develop both walking and cycle routes. Darrell will attend their meeting on 1st December to gain more information.

**Action:** Darrell

**4. Matters arising from drop in sessions on 18th November 2014**

Many of the points raised at these useful sessions are now incorporated but some editing remains to be done.

**Action:** Jenny to continue editing.

Darrell will send an online version of the Dark Skies document with maps to Jenny.

**Action:** Darrell

**5. Policy TG5: Spatial development in Lanehead**

Greenhaugh boundaries are agreed but there was discussion about whether boundaries would be effective in achieving the community's objectives for development in Lanehead.

Since the NNP Core Strategy permits development in Lanehead, a critical issue is to define the

extent of Lanehead. The 'outliers' are in effect not part of the core of Lanehead, which centres around the crossroads, since they were originally small-holdings surrounded by their own land.

It was agreed not to define Lanehead by boundary lines, but rather to modify the wording of TG4 and TG5 to achieve the Plan's objectives, by redefining the 'open country' N of Lanehead to include the outliers and modifying wording e.g. re 'fill gaps between the outliers....' to maintain the separation of the outliers from Lanehead. This policy will be tested in the forthcoming consultation and if necessary can be modified accordingly.

**Action:** John and Preston will reword TG4 and TG5.

## **6. Maps from NNPA: changes required**

1. Jenny will meet Ed at NNPA after this meeting, to discuss maps. All the map titles need to be rethought and shading colours etc need to be reconsidered in due course to achieve consistency between all maps. Map scales vary: some at 1:75000, others at 1:80000. It would be better to make them consistent.

2. Greenhaugh map: include the school within the Northern boundary and remove building curtilages. A 'white' block adjacent to the burn and road should be included in the Community Orchard. Remove the red colouring showing development opportunities and black lines edging current proposed development sites. Map title to be 'Greenhaugh'.

3. Lanehead map: remove building curtilages and differentiate outliers by colour. Correct spelling of 'seperate' in the key and remove from it 'Parish Boundary'. The view cones should differentiate 'Gateway Views' by colour and be replaced by OS-style view symbols. S and E boundary lines to be omitted and replaced by wording, limiting it to the area south of the outliers. Consider the viability of adding contours, but avoid diminishing the map's readability.

4. Greenhaugh and Lanehead map: change 'Lanehead Outliers' to 'Outliers' and also label those near Box Lane. Remove letters A - E and alter references to them in the policy wording. Gateway view symbol needs to be nearer Lanehead. Remove all dotted lines and move 'Greenhaugh Hall' label nearer to the Hall. Consider the viability of making this map an inset to the A3 map of the Parish, and including on it some of the details shown on the latter.

5. A3 Parish map: there are currently two versions. One includes the Pennine Way, which needs to be visually clearer, and the railway line needs to be added. Consider having a separate colour for the Bastles; they currently appear either as blue (Ancient Monument) or as red (listed buildings). Sidwood boundary is to be added when it's clarified. Add 'National Park' to the key. Consider adding more access routes, e.g. Reivers Route'.

**Action:** Preston will pursue a plan of Sidwood boundary.

6. Landscape Character Areas map: some of the labels 'fall off' the page's right hand edge and need relocating. The legend could cover the patch at bottom left corner.

**Action:** Jenny to alter references in the Plan to letters A -E and ask Ed to amend plans as described above.

#### **7. Selection of suitable photos. Do we need more?**

Some photos are available in Dropbox. A wider selection would be useful and detailed selection was deferred. It would be helpful to look at the plan to systematically identify categories such as gateway views, landscape types, bastles etc.

**Action:** Megan will explore the possibility of getting photos from Simon Fraser.

**Action:** Group to identify photos needed and select suitable ones for the next meeting.

#### **8. AOB**

1. the draft Northumberland Core Strategy will be open for consultation from 12th December. Kevin will circulate details for accessing it.

2. The timescale for completing the consultation draft was considered. There are still some items to complete, including the 'history' section and revisions to TG4 & 5. Jenny needs to draw a line under her work: it will then remain for the Group to add photos

3. The Parish Council meets on 9th December and it is hoped to send the Plan to members in time for them to read it beforehand. It must be stressed that this is not the definitive final version but a 'report for information'. There are a few appendices to be included but no need for all the supporting documentation until final submission. Spence & Dower's final report also needs to be sent to the PC.

**Action:** Darrell will give an end date to Spence & Dower to meet the next PC meeting deadline.

4. The statutory consultation will be carried out by the Steering Group on behalf of the PC. It lasts 6 weeks and includes statutory bodies.

5. Once the PC has seen the draft Plan it may be useful to meet NCC and NNPA informally.

6. Consultation will involve sending Parish residents the Plan, inviting written responses.

#### **9. Date of the next meeting**

10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 2nd December 2014 in the Village Hall.