

Minutes for Tarsset and Greystead Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting Tuesday 19th May 2015.

1. Introduction and Apologies.

Present: Preston Hoggan (Chair), Darrell Jackson, Mary-Lou Downie, Megan Nixon, Jenny Ludman (Independent Consultant).

Apologies were received from John Holland, David Watkins.

2. Minutes of last meeting 12th May 2015

Accepted as a true record with one spelling correction amending Peter Rider to Peter Ryder.

3. Matters arising

- Peter Ryder was unable to give a definitive answer to confirm the premise of sight-lines between bastles. As no specific evidence to support this claim is cited (seems to be based on rural myth), the policy was amended.
- In response to the question “How important is it for the Neighbourhood Plan to encourage the following types of employment?” forestry was ranked equal 6th from 13 options. (Residents questionnaire March 2013)
- It was agreed to insert the following sentence within the first paragraph on Landscape (Page 44 of draft Plan): “It is important to recognise that development outside the Plan area can have potential impact on these views and liaison between neighbouring planning authorities, Northumberland County Council and Northumberland National Park is considered vital in such circumstance.”

Action: Need an additional sentence for the trails and views paragraph within each of policy explanation, emphasizing the impact of developments outside the Plan area on views from within the Parish.
[Preston]

- It was agreed to insert the following subtitle and paragraph into the policy explanation of TG2: General Development Principles, before Design.

Special and distinctive qualities

New development must be carefully designed in order to protect the very specific and distinctive qualities of Tarsset and Greystead including: its tranquility, open spaces, views into, out of and across the Parish, dark skies as well as historical and ecological features. These qualities are evident throughout the Parish and are not confined to the part designated as Northumberland National Park.

- Definitions for ‘Archaeological Interest’ and ‘Setting of a heritage asset’ as listed in NPPF to be included in Plan’s glossary, as discussed at last meeting.

4. Continued examination of responses to the Draft Plan

Confirmed that all points raised in the written responses by both Local Planning Authorities (NNPA and NCC) have been addressed with the exception of the separate Appropriate Assessment Screening Opinion (NNPA).

Action: Appropriate Assessment Screening Opinion to be circulated to Steering Group for discussion at next week’s meeting.
[Preston]

5. Other stakeholder observations

Stakeholder responses from Northumbrian Water, Coal Authority, Natural England, Environment Agency, Historic England were discussed and agreed actions recorded on a separate grid to become part of consultation statement.

Action: Check Heritage At Risk register for buildings at risk within the Plan area [Jenny]

Action: Check accuracy of Appendix 1 : Listed Buildings and Scheduled Monuments [Preston]

Action: Write a sentence referring to Northumberland Historic Landscape Characterisation mapping for inclusion in paragraph 2 on page 44 of draft Plan (Landscape) [Preston]

6. AOB

Chair of Parish Council to take ownership of the Foreword in draft Plan.

The final statistics table showing the breakdown of approval by policy was circulated. A total of 65 responses from residents were received. Approval across all policies was very supportive. 97% were in overall favour of the Plan. 2% were not in favour and 1% could not decide one way or the other.

Action: Update and circulate statutory consultee responses from pre-submission consultation [Jenny]

10. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in the Village Hall on Tuesday 26th May 2015 at **9.30 a.m.**
Please note the earlier start time.