

Minutes of a Meeting of the NP Residents Working Group
Held on Thursday 13th March 2025
at Collingwood, Cannons Lane, HBO

Present: Nicky Joshua, RCCE (NJ), Kerry Stedman (KS), Jonathan Diamond (JD), Gary Matthews (GM), Alan Fisher (AF)

1. Actions from the Last Steering Committee Meeting

Actions from the last Steering Committee meeting will be considered in more detail under each appropriate heading except:

Alan Fisher and the Clerk will meet very shortly to assess the existing grant budgets to ensure that as much of the Locality grant is used before the end of the financial year. (AF and Clerk)

2. Call for Sites Invitation

Land Use Consultants, who are carrying out the Site Assessment Survey have promised a first draft of the survey by Monday 17th March.

A meeting has been set up between Laura Atkinson (RCCE), Emily Mulvaney (English Rural Housing Association) and Alan Fisher on Wednesday 19th March. The meeting has been called to look at various sites which may have potential as Rural Exception Sites.

Alan suggested that an interim meeting may be necessary to discuss these two developments rather than wait until the next WG meeting.

3. Website Update

The website domain has now been purchased, and the website is now being populated with data. It will include all of our surveys, including a brief synopsis for each, steering committee and working group minutes, reports to the Parish Council and much more.

The Group will publish access details once it goes live.

The website logo was discussed, and an agreed version has been sent to the Clerk for final amendment.

4. Design Guidance and Codes

The final version of the Design Guidance and Codes has now been received and distributed to all WG members. This will be posted on the new website.

5. Landscape Character Assessment

The first draft of the Landscape Character Assessment has been received, and this has now been reviewed and a copy of the review returned to Wynne-Williams. The next step will be to set up a Teams meeting with Wynne-Williams to discuss landscape capacity and policy text.

6. Employers Survey

Compiling a list of local employers is still ongoing and it is hoped that the survey will be released by the 24th of March for return in early April.

7. Program Review

All of the various specialist surveys should be completed around the end of March and the Plan preparation can be commenced. It is expected that there will be a public feedback exhibition in late April/early May particularly to look at possible housing allocation.

8. Date for Next Meeting

10th April 2025., 19.00 hours. Venue TBA

Note: This will be a Working Group meeting.