

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Wednesday 4th February 2015 @ 7.30pm Gargrave Village Hall

1. Apologies: Kath Ashby, Clerk; to arrive late Anne Hargreaves

2. Attendance:

Edward Bartle, Chairman; Peter Ward; Ian Maxwell; Mike Palin; Rufus Drake; Jane Drake; Chris Lloyd; David Syms; Janet Turner; (from 8.30) Anne Hargreaves.

3. Finalising the Site Assessment Criteria, including new flooding criteria – to be voted on:

As Anne Hargreaves had notified the meeting of her late arrival and, as she had done extensive work on the document, the Chairman proposed that item 2 on the agenda be moved to a later position on the agenda no later than 8.30pm to allow Anne, hopefully, time to get to the meeting. After some discussion a vote was taken with 7 votes in favour of the proposition and 2 against. The meeting therefore moved to the next agenda item.

4. Flowchart “Preparing the Plan”:

The meeting considered two flowchart designs. The pros and cons of each were discussed.

The meeting opted to use the flowchart prepared by Mike Palin who said that he had other schematics for different aspects of the process but would produce another one. These were not produce at this stage. Alongside the flowchart chosen point 1.1 “Background” in the November 2014 draft narrative is to be used as well as a reminder of the monthly procedure when the Chairman of the Group reports to the Parish Council at its future meetings.

5. Draft Narrative of November 2014:

As members of the Group had been asked previously to look at this document the Chairman was given handwritten proposed amendments to add to those he had received previously by e-mail. The chairman took these to assist him in preparing an update of the draft Narrative.

6. Site Assessment Criteria:

At 8.30pm Anne Hargreaves joined the meeting so discussion on these Criteria resumed with a view to putting them on the Group’s website linked to that of the Parish Council the following day as previously agreed. Anne was going to check with Kirkwells that they were happy with the Criteria as agreed. The Group thanked Anne for her work and commitment to the Group.

7. Any other business

One person present asked whether, in view of the possible development at Crosshills (several hundred houses and a bridge across the railway to replace the level crossing), there is any need for a Neighbourhood Plan. Developments on such a scale have the potential to change the Craven District Council Local plan as it is taking so long to develop. There was general agreement to continue to pursue our Neighbourhood Plan.

A question was asked as to by whom and how will the final decision be made about the Neighbourhood plan. Janet Turner, as Chairman of the Parish Council, explained that, although the process of developing the plan is taking place under the auspices of the Parish Council, the Group and then the village by referendum have the final say. Kirkwells assist the Group in its work of developing the Plan to the stage of approval by referendum.

8. The date of the next full meeting was decided as 7.30 pm on Wednesday 25th February @7.30pm.