

Tur Langton Neighbourhood Plan

Environment Group Meeting

11th July 2016, 6.30 p.m. 1 Cranoe Road, Tur Langton

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| <p>Present:</p> <p>Cllr Bladon (TB) (Parish Council Chair), Cllr P Officer Alison Gibson, Clerk to the Council</p> <p>John Martin (JM), <i>Youtocale</i></p> <p>Adam Waters (AW), Hayley Waters (HW), Bryan Ingram (BI)</p> | |
| <p>1. Apologies – Cllr Chris Weston, Mike Stead, Daniel Mansfield</p> | |
| <p>2. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Bladon might need to declare ownership of a piece of land if it is discussed</p> | |
| <p>3. Minutes of meeting 19/4/16 – these were agreed as a true copy</p> | |
| <p>4. Update on Scoring of Sites</p> <p>The group had met informally since the last meeting and the scoring of sites spreadsheet updated. Information about the birds surveyed by DM has since been added, some interesting species have been identified. BI will forward information about birds, nests and animals to TB</p> <p>HW reported that she had done some research on the village history. The only building of significance she identified was the Bull's Head. She has found a map showing Tur Langton as a medieval settlement which she will look at more closely. It may be possible to cross reference some of the field names. Ridge and Furrow fields tie in with the map showing where the village was before it shrunk. She has found a reference to a windmill. She has not found any provenance to King Charles's Well. She has also found a thesis (Leicester University 1995) showing land usage over all of the Langtons and will try to extract information relevant to Tur Langton. She will forward this information to Cllr Bladon</p> <p>Hedges all appear to be of a similar age. Some may date from before enclosure, JM will take a closer look.</p> <p>Cllr Bladon will draw all of this information together onto the spreadsheet</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">BI</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TB</p> |

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| <p>5. Harborough District Council Green Spaces Consultation</p> <p>Cllr Bladon had obtained clarification about this from Matthew Bills at Harborough District Council. Feedback collated by this group was taken to the full Parish Council meeting on 5/7/16. It was agreed to propose removal of a number of the designated private gardens. There are some areas which the council are suggesting remain. Clarity needed about certain verges in the village, which have been written about and were used for grazing. Some extra paddock sites are to be recommended, including gravel pits. A lot of people visit and value the field behind the Village Hall and there is a footpath along the boundary.</p> <p>JM to be copied into the feedback sent to HDC so that the chapter and policy for the NP are consistent.</p> | <p>TB/JM</p> |
| <p>6. Next steps</p> <p>6a Pulling together of Inventory</p> <p>TB will complete the scoring on the spreadsheet and JM will cast an objective eye over it</p> <p>6b Policies</p> <p>JM had circulated a list of example policies (appended to the minutes of the last meeting 19/4/16), to be looked at in conjunction with the Inventory Map (appended to minutes 14/3/16). These example policies were discussed:</p> <p>Designated Sites Policies</p> <p>Three categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Green Spaces – development resisted • Other sites of Biodiversity Significance – proposals expected to protect or enhance • Other Important Open Space – PC will work with HDC and others to protect through designations as new OSSR sites <p>When JM looks at the scoring thresholds the level of designations will be decided through this evidence based process. Sites that do not score highly enough for Local Green Space Designation will be split into the other two categories depending on their score to give them a level of protection and ensure developers are aware of them and can respond.</p> <p>Trees and Hedges Policy - Trees can be identified in the plan. This needs to be backed up by a survey, mapping the trees and identifying species. There are no TPOs in Tur Langton. It was agreed to split the village between members to undertake this survey as follows:</p> | <p>TB/JM</p> |

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| <p>BI – RHS of Main Street from the Village Hall to the T-Junction AW & HW – the other side of Main Street TB – Shangton Road, including fields</p> <p>Habitat Creation – there is no evidence to support a desire for doing this – generic policy</p> <p>Biodiversity Compliance – generic policy</p> <p>Ridge and Furrow Policy – recognised as an asset and backed up by the inventory. TB will cross check with JM map</p> <p>Views – from consultation and inventory</p> <p>Public Rights of Way – generic policy, no pressure to create new ones</p> <p>Sustainable Development – generic policy. An example exists in the Bull’s Head development where the larger properties use recycled grey water. This needs to be balanced against the affordability of houses, however in TL the term “affordable” does not really apply as all houses are expensive. More relevant to refer to size. Energy generation – e.g. wind turbines and solar panels fields? JM will draft a policy that the group can decide how to take forward, to be tested on next consultation.</p> <p>Flooding – this is not a problem in TL apart from localised flooding due to drainage. JM will write a policy for surface water flooding</p> | <p>BI AW / HW TB</p> <p>TB</p> |
| <p>7. Email from Matthew Bills (HDC) regarding allocation of sites for development Noted, this is applicable to the Steering Group. A non-committal response to say that it is possible, still in discussion?</p> | |
| <p>8. Any other business – none</p> | |
| <p>9. Date of next meeting – 26/8/16 at 6.30 p.m. Bryan Ingram kindly agreed to host at Woolpack Barn</p> | |