

Tur Langton Neighbourhood Plan

Environment Group Meeting

26th August 2016, 6.30 p.m. Woolpack Barn, Main Street, Tur Langton

	Action
<p>Present:</p> <p>Cllr Bladon (TB) (Parish Council Chair) 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), Daniel Mansfield (DM)</p>	
1. Apologies – Cllr Chris Weston	
2. Declarations of Interest – none	
3. Minutes of meeting 11/7/16 – these were agreed as a true copy	
<p>4. Next Steps</p> <p>a. Finalisation of Evidence Base</p> <p>Cllr Bladon had updated the Inventory of Sites spreadsheet and this had been circulated with the agenda along with a Bird Survey (completed by DM) and a “Historic Environment Listing” document.</p> <p>JM will pull this information together and update the map and scoresheet and send the information out to group members to identify what is missing.</p> <p>A deadline of 9th September was set for any more field research to be sent to JM</p> <p>b. Policies</p> <p>JM had circulated draft policies based on the discussions at the previous meeting. The following discussion took place:</p> <p>Trees and Hedges - It was noted that there are no trees of any huge significance and no TPOs have been suggested. Most of the trees are Ash. There are some Oaks and Chestnuts and one interesting Turkish Oak. However there are some lovely trees and an important aspect of the character of the village would be lost if they disappeared. This would also result in a loss to the variety of birds in the village.</p> <p>A tree survey of the village is underway which will provide evidence of the importance of the trees to the village. JM suggested showing significant trees by a green dot on a map.</p>	JM / group

<p>JM advised that trees can still be of arboricultural interest even if they are not native.</p> <p>Copses – if valuable map as a piece of woodland, noting the species. If they are already mapped as woodland expand on the detail.</p> <p>Hedges are all of a similar age, dating back to enclosure of the land. No patches of ancient hedgerow have been identified. The policy needs to recognise the importance of hedgerows.</p> <p>For the Tree Survey AW and HW will take photographs of trees on Main Street and circulate</p> <p>Ridge and Furrow – TB has cross referenced with JM's map and will forward the information to him.</p> <p>Sustainable Development – includes carbon neutral, energy efficiency and providing for wildlife in design and ensuring drainage is not effected. The development standards for the Bull's Head development provide a good example to base this on and the clerk will forward the decision for this planning application to JM.</p> <p>Draft Policies - JM asked members to review these and email feedback straight to him. He asked members to be critical and make sure nothing is left out \ suggest other policies and also feedback on anything that members do not want to see included (e.g. TPOs, already noted by JM). Deadline for feeding back to JM is 2nd September</p> <p>JM will use this feedback to put together the first draft of the Environment chapter by the next meeting - 23rd September</p>	<p>AW / HW</p> <p>TB</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Group</p> <p>JM</p>
<p>5. Any Other Business</p> <p>TB encouraged members to look at the draft policy for East Langton's NP, to give an idea what is the group is aiming for. This is backed up by maps, evidence and descriptions so it is rigorous and would stand up if challenged.</p> <p>JM noted that Yourlocale has pushed for the Environment to feature so extensively in NPs and reported that the plan for Thurcaston and Cropston has just been passed by the Inspector reinforcing the methodology they have developed to do this.</p>	
<p>6. Date of next meeting – Friday 23rd September 2016, 6.30 p.m. Rose Cottage, Shangton Road, Tur Langton</p>	

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