

Eccleshall Parish Neighbourhood Plan Group

March 19th, 2015 – Eccleshall Community Centre 6pm.

Present were:- David Pimble, Gordon Dale, Cheryl Hyland, Peter Thompson, Brian Mason and Chris Heelis.

Apologies were received from Peter Bertram John Baldry and Keith Weston.

The 6 week Public Consultation had ended on February 28th, 2015

Christine had précised all the comments received on a spreadsheet, which had been emailed to members prior to the meeting.

28 letters / emails had been received – 11 from residents of the Parish with the remainder being from prospective developers, the County and Borough Councils and other bodies.

David and Christine had considered the comments received from the Borough Council and County highways and made some slight amendments to the wording of the policies document to ensure that the Plan was consistent, effective and easy to read.

Members discussed the changes made and further slight modifications were proposed.

- Members were not in favour of the inclusion of a sentence recognising that highway modifications would help to alleviate the problem of traffic passing through the town, and it was agreed this be deleted.
- It was noted that paragraphs 2.8, 2.9 and 2.10 had been amended to include facts garnered from the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire responses.
- With regard to Jobs and Employment it was agreed to look at the Gnosall Plan and re-write the Policy so as not to discourage the creation of employment opportunities.
- Policy 6 – it was necessary to include reasons for the provision of parks / open space that complied with NPPF 77 as well as protection of existing areas.
- Site 3 – Following comments from the Environment Agency it was proposed to amend the settlement boundary of site 3 to ensure that all the area available for development was outside the flood plain.

David stated that all comments received and recorded needed to be discussed by group members with a view to producing a statement of whether the Plan had been amended accordingly, or not and providing explanations. Peter and Brian agreed to meet with David and Christine on Monday March 23rd, 2015 to consider and identify actions required.

It was agreed that a further meeting of the group would be held in April.