

Minutes of the Meeting of Neighbourhood Planning Working Group of Long Melford Parish Council held in the Library, Hall Street, Long Melford at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 14th January 2014

Present:

Chair: Councillor P Turner
Councillors: C. Michette, R Michette and D Walters.
Mr: P Phillips

Attending: Gifford Lewis (Clerk)

1. Election of Working Group Chairman

Cllr Walters proposed that the chair of the meeting should be the Council Chairman. This was agreed.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs H Spear, J Lines and C Spraggon.

3. Declarations of Interest or Hospitality

No Members declared any pecuniary or personal interests in matters on the agenda.

4. To Determine and Agree the Terms of Reference for the Neighbourhood Planning Working Group

Cllr R Michette proposed and Cllr Turner seconded that the Terms of Reference of the Neighbourhood Planning Working Group be 'to consider the context and relevance of neighbourhood planning for the Long Melford community and to advise the Parish Council of its potential implementation, resource implications and key players. These were agreed.

5. To Consider the Context and Relevance of Neighbourhood Planning for Long Melford

The meeting regarded it essential to involve as many people and organisations across the community as possible. Whilst some of these were identified the meeting requested that the Parish Clerk prepare an initial listing.

The meeting noted a free all day event on neighbourhood planning at Lavenham Village Hall on 3rd February 2014 and nominated Cllrs R Michette, Turner and Walters and Mr Phillips to attend.

6. To Consider the Relevance of the Long Melford Parish Plan 2006

Mindful of the Parish Plan the meeting felt the current key issues were:-

- Affordable housing for local people;
- The parish's environment and heritage;
- Creation of more businesses;

- Mitigating the loss of young people
- Employment opportunities;
- Parking;
- Tourism;
- Education and skills;
- Health;
- Broadband;
- Leisure with the Country Park and creation of a skate park.

It was agreed that the village should not become a dormitory “grey hair” community but one with variety.

7. To Consider an Approach for the Identification of the Key Issues

The meeting consider the concept of a Village Review with an initial event attended by a wide range of organisations and interested individuals. This could then be followed up with a parish survey. The Parish Clerk was asked to consult with Community Action Suffolk with a view to facilitating such an event.

8. To Agree the Date of the Next Meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Working Group

On feedback from the appropriate officer at Community Action Suffolk the meeting asked that the Parish Clerk would call the next meeting to progress the Village Review.

9. Closure

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm