

Appleton with Eaton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting

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When: Monday, 3rd April 2017 @ 7:30pm

Venue: Appleton Village Hall, Committee Room

Present: John Adams, Susan Blomerus (Parish Clerk), Mary Carey, Jane Dymock, James Mansfield, Mark Richards, Annewen Rowe, Claire Salmon

NP85 Apologies for absence: Richard Dick, Kerrie Gaughan, Liz Gilkes, Anna Yalci

NP86 Declarations of interest: None

NP87 Signing of minutes: The minutes of the 27th February 2017 meeting were signed as a true record

NP88 Matters arising from the previous meeting and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda: None

NP89 Parish Online: The parish council has agreed to sign up to the Parish Online Mapping System to support the Neighbourhood Plan. If any group member needs to access this system then they should contact the secretary. The secretary will only sign up to the system once the first request has been received.

NP90 Objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan:

Design policy: The group have begun drafting a policy but it was not available at the meeting.

Spatial policy: The group will wait and see what the other groups find before beginning to draft this policy so they don't restrict other groups.

Access policy: The vision is to retain, maintain and enhance existing access routes to the benefit of the community. Key value access routes are: Green Lane Bridleway, Footpaths through to Appleton Common, Colliers Copse, Besselsleigh Woods, access to the A420, Millway Lane and footpath through to Henwood along the ridge to Eaton. An idea to include in the policy is to improve access to the Thames Path.

Green spaces and views policy: The vision is that any development should not adversely impact on existing green spaces, including important views.

Key valued green spaces: Sportsfield, Jubilee Park, Great Green, Allotments, War Memorial green, Landing stage at Bablockhythe, Appleton common, Colliers Copse, Besselsleigh Woods. It was recommended to mention the large pub gardens of The Plough and Eight Bells, Appleton Landing, the pond in Netherton Road that used to be a wheel wash, green verges i.e. near Fettiplace Close (Don't want development on that piece of land). It is important to include the view from the Thames River as you look up to the village. Appleton is also protected from the A420 by the woods and land. The gap is protecting the village from a busy road.

Village facilities: Divided into 3 policies:

1. Village Facilities: The vision is to maintain existing village facilities and to support enhancement of existing village facilities.
2. Appleton Community Shop: To protect the status of the village shop as a community run facility and to support proposals that result in the improvement of the village shop and post office.
3. Public Houses: To oppose proposals of change of use, delicensing and/or closure of the existing public houses and oppose redevelopment that is detrimental to the current use of the facilities.

Business and employment:

The survey group drafted this policy but quite a bit of the policy information overlapped with the village facility policy. Parts of the business policy are to be merged into the facilities policy. This policy should not mention the pub as the pubs will have a separate policy.

NP91 Open meeting:

Snapshots of each policy will be displayed at the meeting to show the community a summary of what the steering group is working towards. Mark Richards needs a copy of every draft policy so the Events Group can prepare a snapshot of each policy for the Open Meeting. The policy does not need to be polished but needs to include the main points of the policy.

NP92 Report back from subgroups:

1. Evidence Group: see above
2. Survey Group: see above
3. Communication and Events Group: see above

NP93 Date of next meeting: Monday, 24th April 2017 @ 7:15pm