

Allensmore Neighbourhood Development Plan

Report for Parish Council 25th January 2018

Steering Group and meetings

Since the last Parish Council meeting we have had two meetings of the Steering Group, on 18th December and 11th January (the last one being held in the church as the hall was being used).

Finance

The first grant to cover 6 months work will not all be spent by the time it expires on 3rd March. This is because we deferred the Issues and Options consultation by a few weeks to avoid the Christmas period. Tony Cramp has been following this up with our Consultants Kirkwells, who will invoice for work done up to the cut off. Under the rules, we will have to return the unspent part and submit a new request based on the plan for the next 6 months – details to be worked out with Kirkwells at our next Steering Group meeting on 22nd February. There does not appear to be a problem with this approach.

Issues and Options Document

The Issues and Options document was finally agreed at our meeting on 18th December and went to print the week after Christmas. 25 copies of the full 48 page document were ordered as were 400 copies of the smaller 12 page questionnaire extracted from the main document. The questionnaires were distributed to eligible residents in the area by the Steering Group around the weekend of 13th/14th January. The closing date for returning completed questionnaires is 11th February. Several reference copies of the document are available to borrow from the church, the village hall and the community library in the Cobhall Common phone kiosk. The full document and the questionnaire are also available to download from the Allensmore website.

We will be holding a drop-in event at the village hall on Sunday afternoon 28th January between 2pm and 4pm when members of the Steering Group will be available to answer any questions and accept completed questionnaires.

Next tasks

The responses from the completed questionnaires will be analysed and the preferred options published.

We will be discussing a “call for sites” where local landowners can put forward any potential development plots which would then be subject to technical assessment as to their suitability.

Nick Chapman, 25th January 2018