

Allensmore Neighbourhood Development Plan

Report for Parish Council 21st March 2019

Steering Group and meetings

Since the last Parish Council meeting, we have had two meetings of the Steering Group on 18th February 2019 and 18th March 2019. Two members of the public at each meeting.

No changes to the Steering Group.

Finance

Meeting room hire has now been paid.

A further invoice from Kirkwells has been received, plus some printing costs incurred. Both will be paid from this year's Locality Grant.

Some unspent money will be returned and a further grant to cover the rest of the project will be made in April.

NDP Preferred Options document

All the feedback received from the public consultation in January and the first part of February have been documented and categorised according to which part of the NDP they refer to. The Steering Group set up a working party to consider and respond to each comment. The working party actually consisted of all members of the Steering Group; members did not take part in discussions in points where they had declared interests. The working party met on two evenings. We requested some advice from our consultants in this process.

A new 42 page document responding to residents' feedback has now been produced. Every comment has the Steering Group's consideration and any subsequent changes to the plan noted. This document was formally accepted at the Steering Group meeting on 18th March 2019 and will be published on our website soon. It has also now gone forward to our consultants to create the next version of the NDP

This next version of the NDP will need to be formally approved by the Parish Council before going forward for the "regulation 14" consultation. This is a fairly lengthy process involving Herefordshire Council and is likely to take 3 months – not helped by the current "purdah" due to local elections. However, Regulation 14 stage is a major step forward. A detailed action plan of all the steps involved is being put together with the help of our consultants and Herefordshire Council contact.

Parish Council action required: Approve the "Regulation 14" version of the NDP when it is ready, expected to be around the end of March 2019.

Appendix 5: Non-planning matters

Separate update from Tim Hancox.

Nick Chapman, 21st March 2019