Laxfield Neighbourhood Planning Group Meeting

5th December 2018

Present: Barry Cable, David Alchin, Quentin Cowen, Candida Wingate, Sue Innes

Apologies John Worthington

Update

Sue reported that she and Candida had revised the Terms of Reference. These had been signed by John Worthington and Sue Innes and sent to the Parish Clerk for inclusion in the Parish Council agenda for their January meeting.

Budget report

Barry Cable reported that we have spent £470 of the original £500 seed corn fund; expenditure had been on the software for producing and analysing the questionnaires plus expenses associated with the Living Laxfield event.

It is expected that further expenses will be claimed and as such that pot is essentially empty.

There is £6,477, this being the funding to cover costs of contracting consultant lan Poole to assist with preparing the Plan.

Suffolk County Councillor Guy MacGregor has offered part of his locality budget to support the Group's work and it was agreed that Barry should put together a request for £600 to cover costs of producing a second community event in the Community Hall in late February.

It was suggested we might ask lan Poole to attend.

Barry will produce a detailed request for the finance and send to Cllr MacGregor and copy it to the Parish Clerk and Parish Council Chairman.

Working parties

Movement and Accessibility

Led by David, supported by Mike Usher & Steve Garrod.

Mike to do some research into local bus services.

Housing development

Led by John- no feedback, as John not able to attend meeting.

Built environment and its design

Led by Barry, supported by Elaine Nason, Colin Enemy and Jan Williams.

Barry has produced a list of listed buildings and notes on important houses, etc. and will circulate same.

Enterprise & Creativity

Perceived conflict of interest prevented some people from getting involved in this group. Lisa to ask Mike Hawkins if he would be interested in leading the working party.

Amenities & Services

Lisa not at meeting, so no update.

Green spaces

Led by Sue, supported by Candida and Jo Lofthouse.

Sue Gleave, Moss Fuller, Quentin Cowen have all expressed an interest/agreed to help. Sue Innes will do survey of important sites. SSSIs - but we don't think there are any in village.

It was acknowledged that there would be considerable crossover between the different groups and that we would need to share information - but in bullet form, to keep it as brief as possible.

Framework

The Chapter headings as previously prepared by John provide the framework for creating the Plan.

This will be refined on 19th December, when we meet with lan Poole.

Each working group will take the relevant section of the questionnaire and use the results as a basis for their discussions and research.

They will extend those consultations to include approximately six other individuals - and the outcomes will be presented to lan Poole on 19th December.

Although it was a tight deadline, it was agreed that this was achievable.

What we have and what we value

There was a broad discussion based on JW's notes and diagrams, in which the group discussed different aspects of the village.

In talking about initiatives adopted by other communities, it was agreed that Sue should ask the Community Land Trust representative to come and talk to us, possibly at the January meeting.

Sue will circulate JW's notes to the group for further consideration and discussion amongst group members and the working groups.

Next meeting: 19th December in the Guildhall at 7:30 (time to be confirmed, as it may start a little earlier)