

**STOKE GOLDING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting of the Stoke Golding Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee held on 27th November at 7.00pm at the Methodist Hall

Present Roy Mitchell, Jim Hope, Sarah Beale, Rob Gaskin, William Alston

16/1 Apologies for absence. Kate McCreight

16/2 Declarations of interest on items on the agenda. None

16/3 To confirm previous minutes.

Roy explained that the Parish Council had been advised that the two previous Advisory Committee meetings, which had not been held in public, were not valid and items discussed, had to be repeated in a public forum. Items 5 and 6 on the current agenda were the repeats. In addition residents present would have the opportunity to comment on all of the discussions under item 16/8

16/4 Matters arising – not covered by items on agenda. None

16/5 Review of Employment, Business and Local Economy Policies

Roy read out the policy document agreed at the previous meetings. He expressed concern that in Policy 1 the location for development was too general and should be modified to reflect the primary objective of a Neighbourhood Plan which was for the community to identify what development should take place and where it should take place. After discussion modifications were agreed and are incorporated in the attached draft policy document.

NB Policy 3 has also been amended in line with comments made during Item 16/8

16/6 Review of Leisure and Wellbeing Policies

Roy read out the policy document agreed at the previous meetings. He expressed concern that in Policy 3 the location for development was too general and should be modified to reflect the primary objective of a Neighbourhood Plan which was for the community to identify what development should take place and where it should take place. After discussion it was agreed that the policy should not be changed and the agreed policies are attached.

16/7 To consider a policy/s for Environment, Heritage and Areas of Open Space for Protection to be incorporated into the draft Neighbourhood Plan

The committee discussed a draft set of policies produce by Roy from evidence in the Surveys, Christina Emmett's Report, and the Reports from Alan White and Brian Ninness. After discussion Policies 1, 2, 3, 4. And 5 were agreed and are attached to these minutes.

16/8 Comments from Residents

The meeting was opened to residents and a number of comments were made. These resulted in amendments to some policies and the production of Policy 1a and Policy 6 in the Environment Policies. These are incorporated in the attached policy documents

Comments were made regarding making the centre of the village more of a focal point and examples were given of communities such as Cosby, which had this. Consideration should be given to producing a Policy to cover this issue. Following recent crime incidents in the village the Parish Council were asked to consider using CCTV in the village as a public safety feature.

16/9 To receive and consider such communications as received by the Chairman.  
None

16/10 To consider items needed to be brought to the public's attention (AOB).

Jim suggested that at a future meeting, we hold a review of all draft policies produced up to that point. This was agreed and a proposed timetable/policy items are detailed in 16/11

16/11 Dates of Future Meetings

Dates for future meetings were agreed as below, and proposed agenda items have been added.

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January,	Community Infrastructure and Facilities
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January,	Review of Policies Agreed to Date, and NP Part 1
Monday <b>12<sup>th</sup> February,</b>	(Date to be amended) Transport and Traffic Management
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Housing
Late March	Housing
Mid April	Review of draft NP for Submission to Parish Council
May/June	Draft NP Assessed/Approved by Parish Council
June/July	Draft Neighbourhood Plan Assessed by RCC/Kirkwells

The meeting finished at 9.00pm

## **Employment, Business and Local Economy Policies**

**In line with the HBBC Core Strategy requirements to promote employment opportunities:-**

**Stoke Golding Parish Council's objective is to support businesses that provide employment in the Neighbourhood Plan Area through the following Policies**

### Policy 1

Any future industrial/commercial business developments should be located in or around Willow Park. They should be similar in scale to existing units. They should conform to the Borough Councils Development Policies and should have limited visual impact, utilise natural native species for screening and have minimum impact on existing historic and landscape features.

**Evidence** RCC Household Survey Qu 46 & 47

### Policy 2

Because of its historic link to the Battle of Bosworth, the Parish Council will provide support, as appropriate, for businesses and organisations that seek to promote tourism in the Neighbourhood Plan Area.. This will include the provision of additional accommodation, retail and food facilities within the Neighbourhood Plan Area.

**Evidence** RCC Household Survey Qu 46, Parish Council – Active involvement in 1485 Legacy Project

### Policy 3

The Parish Council will support and encourage the establishment of “home working”. In particular by pressing for improvements in Mobile Phone Coverage and Broadband Services within the Neighbourhood Plan Area. This will also help existing businesses.

**Evidence** RCC Household Survey Qu 45

## **Leisure and Wellbeing Policies**

**In Line with Core Strategy Policies DM11, DM 25 and the recommendations of the Hinckley and Bosworth Open Space, Sport and Recreational Facilities Study, Stoke Golding Parish Council will support the provision of replacement and new recreational facilities within the Neighbourhood Plan Area to meet the needs of the whole community**

### Policy 1

The Parish Council in conjunction with the Village Hall Management Committee and appropriate community groups will continue to support the replacement/provision of existing and new facilities/services at the village hall and on the recreational ground.

**Evidence** Minutes of Parish Council Meetings, Christina Emmett's Report Page 4/5

### Policy 2

The Parish Council, in conjunction with the Borough Council, and representatives from the Cricket and Football Groups will continue the project to replace the existing Sports Pavilion on the recreational ground.

**Evidence** Minutes of Parish Council Meetings. RCC Household Survey Qu 38/39, RCC Young Residents Survey Qu 15

### Policy 3

The Parish Council, in conjunction with the Borough Council, and the Cricket and Football Groups will work to provide an all weather-playing surface that will be made available for the community, on land within the Neighbourhood Plan Area.

**Evidence** RCC Household Survey Page 25 Qu 37, Page 26 Qu 38, Page 27 Qu 39. RCC Young Residents Survey Qu 16, Christina Emmett's Report Page 7/8

### Policy 4

The Parish Council, in conjunction with the Borough Council, and appropriate Sports Groups will work to provide a Community Sports Hall on land within the Neighbourhood Plan Area.

**Evidence** RCC Household Survey Page 25 Qu 37, Page 26 Qu 38, Page 27 Qu 39, Christina Emmett's Report Page 7/8

## **Environment. Heritage and Areas of Open Space Policies**

**In line with HBBC Policies the Parish Council will support policies to protect and enhance the Environment, the Heritage and Open Spaces within the Neighbourhood Plan Area**

### Policy 1

The Parish Council will protect the Landscape Character within the Neighbourhood Plan Area by retaining existing trees and hedgerows wherever possible. Protecting the hedges adjacent to roads to and from the village is a key element in preserving the rural character of the Neighbourhood Plan area. Where removal is proposed, due consideration shall be made to the Hedgerow Regulations and where removal is justified the impact shall be mitigated by the provision of additional appropriate planting.

**Evidence** RCC Household Survey Qu 13, 28, 33, 34, Alan White's Summary, Christina Emmett's Report

### Policy 1a

The rural character of the village is enhanced by its setting. The vistas approaching the village from Dadlington, Hinckley, Wykin, Higham, Upton and along the Canal Towpath should be protected by ensuring that any developments are appropriately in scale and not significantly intrusive.

**Evidence** RCC Household Survey Qu 13, 28, 33, 34, Alan White's Summary, Christina Emmett's Report

### Policy 2

The Parish Council designates the area between Stoke Golding Settlement Boundary and Dadlington Settlement Boundary as a "Local Green Space". This is in accordance with NPPF para 76, and HBBC Site Allocation Policy DM4, Safeguarding the Countryside and Settlement Separation.

**Evidence** RCC Household Survey Qu 13, 33, 34, Alan Whites Summary, Christina Emmett's Report

### Policy 3

The Parish Council strongly supports the protection of existing and provision of new open spaces within the settlement boundary, as they are significant features in retaining the character of the village.

**Evidence** RCC Household Survey Qu 29

#### Policy 4

The Parish Council would support proposals to enhance bio-diversity within the Neighbourhood Plan Area and in particular the existing “wildlife corridor” that lies along the Ashby Canal.

**Evidence** RCC Household Survey Qu 30, 34

#### Policy 5

The Parish Council strongly supports the protection of designated Heritage Assets within the Neighbourhood Plan Area. In particular, the Borough Council should implement the National and Local Policies designed to protect irreplaceable assets and resist the pressure to develop new homes on such sites, if alternative sites are available and the village has met Borough housing targets that have been established through public consultation..

**Evidence** RCC Household Survey Qu 32, Qu 34

#### Policy 6

The Parish Council would be strongly in favour of requiring that all new developments incorporate some means of generating energy (e.g, solar panels) and harvesting rain water.

**Evidence** RCC Household Survey Qu 48