

# TARRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

## STEERING GROUP

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Steering Group held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.30p.m. in the Lady Emily Hall

#### **1. Members Present**

(in alphabetical order)

Anthony Bush, Paul Butler, Maggie Daron, Jeannette Forrester, Robert Hodges, Veronica Hodges, Ian Howard, Trevor Kerr, John Tallis (Chairman), Janette Ward and Edward Watkins

Tarrington residents Anne Bush, Rob Nayler, Janet Pierce, Stuart Pinfield and Philip Stock were also present.

#### **2. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

#### **3. Minutes**

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

#### **4. Matters Arising**

Data Orchard has completed the analysis of the questionnaires and produced a report. J. Tallis has emailed R. Foley regarding a meeting to discuss Stoke Edith Estate's plans for developing a housing development on the field in School Lane and he is currently waiting for a reply. P. Stock has said that it would be better to wait for the result of the amendments to the Core Strategy (especially regarding RA1 and RA2 land) before meeting with members of the Steering Group to discuss the possibility of developing his land in Little Tarrington. Regarding the Environmental Assessment, Sam Banks has requested that the Steering Group should respond to the Tarrington N.D.P. review, written by Herefordshire Council. J. Tallis has circulated the relevant documents to members of the Steering Group and has begun to prepare a response.

#### **5. Declaration of Interests**

Philip Stock (landowner) declared an interest. John Tallis said that he and others who lived alongside the various sites had an obvious interest, though not a direct financial one.

#### **6. Chairman's Progress Report and Discussion**

J. Tallis circulated a copy of the article he wrote for the Tarrington Tatler which clearly and concisely explains the current situation regarding the Steering Group's progress with the Tarrington N.D.P.:-

### Tarrington Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Progress Report – March 2015

*The Steering Group has been working hard over the last few months, studying the various guidance documents provided by Herefordshire Council (HC) and interpreting the development requirements implicit in the proposed Core Strategy. We also reviewed the results of the residents' survey carried out in September and used the information to write a series of objectives and draft policies for the NDP. Some of the results turned out to be in conflict with one another, in the light of government policy information acquired after the survey.*

*Based on guidance from HC Planning Dept. our best (least development) estimate was that sites for 20 houses would be required, between 2011 and 2031, around the core village. We then reviewed as many as possible of the potential sites for development close to the existing Settlement Boundary and one near Garbrook. It's fair to say that none of the sites were ideal and impact of an extra 20 houses on the narrow lanes around the village would be significant.*

*The information gathered, regarding the survey results, sites and our draft policies, was presented to two Open Sessions in February and attendees were invited to record their views on a response sheet, which has been analysed.*

*This would be the obvious point to describe the results, but the whole exercise has possibly been undermined by the problems that HC have with their Core Strategy. Basically, it has been rejected by the Planning Inspector, because the numbers relating to development in the rural areas did not add up and the definitions of different types of rural area (such as the distinction between Tarrington and Little Tarrington) were imprecise. HC are in process of amending the draft policy and until this is re-issued (**and approved**), we do not have clear guidance on the numbers of houses required.*

*When this is available, the Steering Group will re-assess the sites and put forward some options for parishioners to evaluate. This cannot occur until after the Local Government elections in May.*

*John Tallis, Steering Group Chairman*

The Steering Group will need to wait for the results of the amendment of the Core Strategy before taking any further action. A. Bush said that the revised allocation of the required housing development would now be based on parishes rather than individual villages. R. Nayler directed the group to the website 'Here for Hereford' which publishes very useful information regarding housing development in Herefordshire. I. Howard had circulated two documents from this site – 'Examination of Rural Housing Allocations (RA1 and RA2)' and 'The Final Day of Herefordshire Examination in Public' – to everyone in the Steering Group.

J. Tallis circulated the beginning to his response to the documents sent to the Steering Group by Sam Banks regarding the Environmental Assessment of Tarrington. All present agreed that J. Tallis had given the Council very useful information regarding amenities, environmental issues and constraints on possible housing development in Tarrington. The completed response to all the documents needed to be completed and sent to Sam Banks by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. I. Howard and J. Forrester volunteered to complete this work and M. Daron agreed to send it to Sam Banks before the deadline.

J. Tallis circulated a list of questions to ask Rupert Foley when a meeting can be arranged with him regarding the possible development on School Lane. P. Stock requested that he should be asked similar questions when a meeting is organised regarding his proposal. This was agreed.

## 7. **Budget**

£300 will be given to Data Orchard for the production of the analysis of the questionnaire completed by residents at the Open Consultation Days.

Grant applications for further funding, up to £7,000, will shortly be made available for N.D.P.s with the condition that that the money will need to be spent within six months.

## 8. Actions to Take Place Before the Next Meeting

ACTION	PERSON/PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE
Complete the comments regarding the Tarrington S.E.A. documents	Ian Howard Jeanette Forrester
Send completed response to Sam Banks at Herefordshire Council by Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March.	Maggie Daron

## 9. Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Steering Group will take place at 7.30p.m. on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at the Lady Emily Hall.