

# Willington Neighbourhood Plan

**Meeting Minutes on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017, 8pm at The Crown.**

**Attendees:** Ginny, Joe, Rick, Alan, Nathalie + Jay Corey (The Crown patrons group) for item 2 only

**Apologies:**

1.	<p>Actions from previous minutes:</p> <p>i. Group to consider an NDP event to engage with the community – <b>See item 5</b></p>	
2.	<p><b>The Crown – Asset of Community Value – Jay Corey who has set up a group of pub regulars concerned with the current staffing issues joined the group for the discussion on this item.</b></p> <p>Discussion with Jay Corey who along with other regulars at The Crown have set up a group after growing concerns over the staffing issues and potential risk to the pubs ongoing future as a result.</p> <p>It was agreed the NDP would complete all sections of the form and the group of pub regulars would populate section 3 of the form with the supporting information</p> <p>Joe to research Section 4 – how the group would run the pub.</p> <p>Alan to complete other sections of the form</p> <p>The group are to monitor for any intentional closure of the pub and to ascertain if there is enough interest in the community in keeping the pub open.</p> <p>Jay Corey departed the meeting after this item.</p>	<p>Jay</p> <p>Joe</p> <p>Alan</p>
3.	<p><b>Update on Housing Needs Survey – Alan confirmed the application had been made and we are awaiting confirmation that we will be provided with a grant to undertake the survey.</b></p> <p>Alan to keep the group up to date with any news on the grant application</p>	<p>Alan</p>

4.	<p><b>Should we undertake a green infrastructure plan</b> – The challenge from the group is whether given the Cycle Route and Forest of Marston Vale if Willington needs a Green Infrastructure Plan.</p> <p>Ginny feels it will help the village understand the proposed sites better when the green infrastructure access and routes are overlaid.</p> <p>It will also help galvanise the village with bordering communities and the one undertaken by Cople will stop at our boundary unless we coordinate our approach to create a greater aspect.</p> <p>The initial survey also highlighted the environment as one of the key aspects people liked and wanted to protect in the village.</p> <p>The group were asked if they were in favour of applying for a grant to undertake a green infrastructure plan. All five group members voted in favour.</p> <p>Alan to raise a grant request for the Green Infrastructure Plan</p>	Alan																																		
5.	<p><b>Group Engagement</b> – updates from each group member were received on contact with the businesses and groups in the village. The general consensus is that it is taking longer than thought but what had been done has been encouraging.</p> <p>Alan to produce a one page diagram showing the percentage responses from the initial survey to assist in communication.</p> <p>Ginny is going to keep a diary of what we have done to date – each group member to email Ginny with updates on group engagement.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="280 1361 1152 2031"> <tr><td>Friends of St Lawrence Church</td><td>Alan</td></tr> <tr><td>Methodist Chapel (Congregation)</td><td>Alan</td></tr> <tr><td>Tuesday Club</td><td>Alan</td></tr> <tr><td>BRCC</td><td>Alan</td></tr> <tr><td>Frosts</td><td>Alan</td></tr> <tr><td>Nurseries (Church End)</td><td>Alan</td></tr> <tr><td>Home &amp; Garden</td><td>Alan</td></tr> <tr><td>Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Brownies</td><td>Ginny</td></tr> <tr><td>Bell Ringers</td><td>Ginny</td></tr> <tr><td>History Group</td><td>Ginny</td></tr> <tr><td>Walking Group Tuesday</td><td>Ginny</td></tr> <tr><td>Walking Group Thursday</td><td>Ginny</td></tr> <tr><td>Forest of Marston Vale</td><td>Ginny</td></tr> <tr><td>National Trust Phil O Donoghue</td><td>Ginny</td></tr> <tr><td>Wildlife Trust</td><td>Ginny</td></tr> <tr><td>Evergreen</td><td>Joe</td></tr> <tr><td>Good neighbour group</td><td>Joe</td></tr> </table>	Friends of St Lawrence Church	Alan	Methodist Chapel (Congregation)	Alan	Tuesday Club	Alan	BRCC	Alan	Frosts	Alan	Nurseries (Church End)	Alan	Home & Garden	Alan	Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Brownies	Ginny	Bell Ringers	Ginny	History Group	Ginny	Walking Group Tuesday	Ginny	Walking Group Thursday	Ginny	Forest of Marston Vale	Ginny	National Trust Phil O Donoghue	Ginny	Wildlife Trust	Ginny	Evergreen	Joe	Good neighbour group	Joe	Alan  Ginny
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	Post Office / Village Stores	Joe		
	Knit and Stitch Jessie Horlock	Joe (Jan)		
	Market	Joe (Jan)		
	School & PTA 01234 838280	Nathalie		
	Willingtots pre-school Tel: 07972148085	Nathalie		
	Bedford and District Handicapped Riders Association	Nathalie		
	The Crown	Nathalie		
	Highfield Engineering	Nathalie		
	Parish Council	Nathalie/Alan		
	Conservative Association	Rick		
	Neighbourhood Watch	Rick		
	Allotments	Rick		
	Willingtones	Rick		
	Danish Camp	Rick		
	Borough Councillor	Via Parish Council		
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Engagement with site owners</b> – developers of site 643 (opposite post office) have requested to meet with the group.</p> <p>The group have agreed to engage with every site member in the same way</p> <p>Our initial step will be to review the site assessment process undertaken by BBC for the current consultation and apply this to the sites submitted for Willington. We will then review what gaps we have and any other questions we need to ask and formulate a questionnaire for landowners about their sites to answer any questions we have.</p> <p>Alan will pull the initial form together for someone else to populate (Rick?).</p>			Alan
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Community event</b></p> <p>NDP group members to attend the following village events</p> <p>Bedford Borough Council traffic meeting in June</p> <p>Summer Fete on 2<sup>nd</sup> September</p>			ALL
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Additional group members from the western side of the Parish</b></p>			
	<p>Alan has a potential group member from the western side of the village – will try and get them to attend the next meeting</p>			Alan

<b>9</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	
	<p>Alan confirmed that BBC had acknowledged that the NDP process will select preferred sites in Willington.</p> <p>Nathalie to start a new “What is your favourite view when walking around Willington” photo competition on the Facebook page. The photo with the most “Likes” will become the cover photo for the following month.</p>	<p>Alan</p> <p>Nathalie</p>
<b>10</b>	<b><u>NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017, 8pm @ The Crown</u></b>	