

Fiskerton Neighbourhood Plan Group

Minutes of the Public Meeting: Held at Fiskerton Village Hall at 7.00 pm on 19th May 2016

Purpose of the meeting: To inform parishioners of the work of the NPG

Those Present: The NPG group, representatives from WLDC (Luke Brown), Natalie Cockrell and approximately 96 parishioners, plus another 25 approx that arrived at 7.30pm.

Introductions: The NPG group was introduced together with representatives from WLDC

Before the meeting started plans were handed out to some residents in the Village Hall by a local District Councilor with conflicting information to what the NPG was discussing in the presentation which followed.

Presentation: The Chairman of the NPG group worked through a power point (PP) presentation which outlined why we should have a neighbourhood plan and the work the NPG has completed toward the preparation of a neighbourhood plan.

The consideration is: there will be development in Fiskerton and a neighbourhood plan should bring about some local control over what is developed. If development is circa 200 homes the expectation is that the land owners, The Church Commissioners, will provide land for community use as planning gain.

The PP indicated the advancement of development in Fiskerton during the last 70 years and worked through the considered options for development in various areas around Fiskerton.

- To the South development was ruled out because of the flood plain.
- To the West was development was ruled out due avoid ribbon development and create a green wedge between Fiskerton and Cherry Willingham
- To the North along Reepham Road was also ruled out avoid ribbon development and create a green wedge between Fiskerton and Cherry Willingham

The remaining option for development land is to the north east of Ferry Road.

- The main proposal highlighted in the PP were two available options that were prepared by jtp who are architects for the Church Commissioners who own the land:
- Option 1: development of 223 homes on land to the rear of Ferry Road
- Option 2: A similar size development (220) with a different layout, also to the rear of Ferry Road

If either of these options were accepted the Church Commissioners have indicated they would be prepared to hand over the area called The Paddock for community use.

Following the presentation it was said that there will be two drop in days during which people can make representations in person. The dates were set at:

26 May 2pm – 7pm
29 May 1pm – 4pm

Both to be held at the Village Hall Fiskerton.

Question and Answer Session

To close the meeting there was a Q&A session in which many parishioners raised many questions which were answered by the NPG group Chairman. There was a length and heated debate between residents and the NPG steering group over the questions below.

Questions were raised about:

- Who and when was it decided that approx. 200 homes should be built in the parish?
- The number of homes being excessive to the needs of the parish
- Why are 200 homes needed why don't we just accept the 90 proposed by the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan?
- There is a big difference between 90 – 200 homes what should it be?
- The residents debated whether they wished to accept the Paddock being gifted to the community as part of the development of approx. 200 homes. The opinion of residents in the room was divided.
- The additional traffic these homes would generate
- Can the road around the Church be widened
- Can Hall Lane be widened?
- There are problems with sewage in the village has anyone taken this into consideration?
- Developers will need to consider underground water courses
- There was representation that the option to develop land to the West of Fiskerton had not been fully considered as this option would mean less traffic passing through the village.
- Children already do not have the facilities that they require, if we accept more development maybe we will have more for the young people to do?
- We need to think about the future generations and what their needs will be.
- The question was asked whether the statutory bodies had been consulted on the proposals?

It was planned to have a show of hands to gauge which of the options, 1 or 2 would be preferred. This did not take place. It was proposed from the floor that no vote on the options should be taken tonight and that other options should be looked at. This was agreed by a show of hands. The residents that attended the event did however, show a consensus in that the village does require a neighbourhood plan.

The purpose of the meeting: To inform parishioners of the work of the NPG was achieved however, the community requested that further work was undertaken and the option to develop to the West of the village should be explored in further detail.

Cheese and Wine was provided at the end of the meeting for residents to stay and chat about the neighbourhood plan. A few of the residents stayed but the majority of the residents against the options to develop of approx. 200 homes left.

Stan Hall

Parish Clerk

