



Astbury and Moreton Neighbourhood Plan

Meeting held at Astbury Village Hall

22nd. October 2014

Present: John Carter (JC), Phill Critchlow, (PC) Judith Critchlow (AJC) Nick Sharman (NS), Sandie Boynton (SB), Don Muir, (DM)

Apologies: Andrew Rutherford (AR), Jill Harrison (JH).

Guest: Andrew Thomson (AT)

The previous minutes were reviewed and agreed.

1. JC introduced Andrew Thomson, the planning consultant allocated to us by Cheshire East to assist in moving the Neighbourhood Plan forward. JC spent some time bringing Andrew up to speed.
2. AT outlined his background and the other projects that he is currently involved with, including the Bunbury NP. DM highlighted a potential conflict of interest, as AT has also been asked to look at the Congleton Plan.
3. Cheshire East are anxious for us to move the Plan forward with haste, but we still have to follow due process. Whilst the Plan will encompass a number of different aspects relating to the Parishes, development is key. Areas for potential development will need to be identified as part of the process and any brown-field sites must be available and deliverable.
4. AT explained that through Cheshire Community Action (CCA) we have been allocated 150 hours of his time (20 days) His role is to put together a timetable with deadlines to move the Plan forward.
5. Finance- AT advised the group that we need an independent person to oversee finances. JC advised that the Parish Clerk, Charlie Pointon, has agreed to take on this role. It was clear that additional finance will be required and we may need to research additional sources of funding, some building firms may have a community fund and other large businesses in the area may have funding available.
6. JC agreed to email AT with our governance documents, questionnaire and email addresses.
7. It was suggested that we should look at the locality website for policy writing, and the Cheshire East website—Strategic Policy 8 and 9 relating to greenbelt and rural areas.
8. There is a digital mapping event on 25th November, we would be looking to send a representative.
9. **Date of Next Meeting 26th. November at 7.00pm The Committee Room, Astbury Village Hall. -To be confirmed**

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Distribution—by email to all members. (including Parish Clerk)