

Initial Neighbourhood Plan Meeting 15.11.16

Attendees Ann Webb
Julie McGrory
Roger Vass
Jeff Offer
Peter Offer
Helen Flack
Jane Blumsom
Peter Mileham
Angela Mileham

Apologies Anne Bhatthercherjee

Minutes

Our plan is to create a Neighbourhood Plan for Silsoe to create structure around how Silsoe is developed in the future -

<http://www.rtpi.org.uk/planning-aid/neighbourhood-planning/what-is-neighbourhood-planning/>
<http://planningguidance.communities.gov.uk/blog/guidance/neighbourhood-planning/what-is-neighbourhood-planning/>

Just to clarify some key points that we discussed tonight -

- * The Neighbourhood Plan sits underneath the Local Plan and will have the same legal weight as the former Parish Plan - it will go through the same legal process that a Local Plan does - http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/Images/top-tips_tcm3-6907.pdf
- * We can apply for grants up to £9k - £1k at a time and we have to spend it within 6 months. We may choose to spend this on printing, exhibiting, display costs, professional services - for example flood plan, update of Green Infrastructure Plan, Survey Monkey
- * It has to have policies that align with CBC's Local Plan - we would suggest their themes of Local Character / Environment / Transport / Jobs and Business / Growth & Infrastructure / Homes
- * We have to be transparent in terms of communication with each other and the community - Minutes will be added to the website - we already have. Page up and running - <http://silsoe.bedsparishes.gov.uk/copy-of-parish-plan/>. We also have to show what formats we have used to communicate - what / how / turnout. English Heritage will be a statutory consultee - we need to show who and how we've tried to engage them, for example
- * We have to consider sites for development to show how we plan to meet the Local Plan needs, so we should keep an eye on the Call for Sites - <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning/policy/local-plan/sites-submitted.aspx>
- * We could also consider adding Greenbelt areas - need to check the criteria for how to do this - as well as Strategic Gaps!
- * The Plan can last til 2035 and be reviewed every c5 years. The Housing Needs Survey lasts for 5 years and counts as an activity, but we could reconfirmed the findings in another survey. The Green

Infrastructure Plan can be updated by the BRCC (same company that did the Housing Needs Survey) and the cost will be c£2.5-3k (Siobhan to confirm timescale and price)

ACTIONS

Participants were asked to -

- Read the Parish Plan / Housing Needs Survey / Green Infrastructure Plan - all available on Silsoe Parish Council website -
<http://silsoe.bedsparishes.gov.uk/parish-plan/>
http://silsoe.bedsparishes.gov.uk/files/view/BRCC_Housing_Needs_Survey_May_2016.pdf
<http://silsoe.bedsparishes.gov.uk/green-infrastructure-plan/>
- Have a look at someone else's Neighbourhood Plan, for example -
<http://tattenhallpc.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Tattenhall-Neighbourhood-Plan.pdf>

Next Meeting – 8th December 2016, 7.30pm at Silsoe Community Centre