

Orleton and Richards Castle Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group

Agenda for a Meeting at Orleton Village Hall, 7.30 pm Tuesday 15 September 2015

09/15/1: attendance:

a) Members: John Alderman (JA), David English (DE), Donald Pickard (Secretary, DP), Mike Saunders (MS), David Small (DS, Chair)

b) apologies Richard Hewitt (Treasurer RH).

Pauline Betteridge (PB), Richard Jack (RJ). Elizabeth Moran (EM): no information received.

c) New Parish Council representative from Orleton to be appointed 17 Sept 2015

09/15/2: There were no further declarations of interest by members.

09/15/3: The notes of the meeting of 27 August (150827 notes.doc) were received.

Matters arising from the notes.

a) DS reported briefly on the meeting in Orleton on September 3 about an application for housing near the school. The Parish Council voted after the meeting to oppose all new housing applications (including this one) until firm progress could be made with Severn Trent on the sewerage problems in Orleton.

b) JA is continuing to prepare notes for Castle News and Grapevine about progress so far and plans for next steps.

09/15/4: Correspondence:

- I) Emails concerning maximum numbers of new houses in the parishes. Discussion centred on identifying persons who might help to strengthen arguments about housing density as a key issue in substantiating the plan. Important for both councils a) to agree firm settlement boundaries as soon as possible, within which b) the agreed targets for houses can be included.

09/15/5 Report on current financial position: RH was not present, so there was no report.

09/15/6 Discussion of report from subgroup about plans towards a first plan draft

MS suggests that two documents will be required:

1. A master document which will include noting the evidence available which will underlie
2. The version of the plan to be presented to be adopted.

MS has prepared a document to be used as a road map to do further work towards 1), setting out the rules which can be used in making decisions, based on the available evidence. These need to be related to the responses from the communities, which can then be turned into 'plan-speak', with the help of Herefordshire Council and Data Orchard and any others who may be drawn in.

For Orleton: JA and DS now need to do work on policies 3 and 4 in MS document, which will help to identify areas where the community was clear in the questionnaire responses about whether housing could be contemplated or not, so some variation of the settlement boundary might be considered. Conversation would then be required with Gemma and Bill to work out how to recommend changes in the boundary. This modified boundary could then be presented to the Parish Council. MS and DE will do work relating to Richards Castle for the same policies.

09/15/7 Any other business:

The information about the landowners responses needs to be drawn together and put into the Village Plan drop-box.

09/15/8 Dates of next meetings:

Draft plan subgroups to have preliminary discussions. RC take first draft relating to RC before 1 October to BB, and then advise the Orleton group who will work on the settlement boundaries issues: both groups begin to draft policies to present to a full steering group meeting in mid to late October (this meeting may be helped by projecting the data and policies on a screen). Sub groups will advise on windows for dates. Aiming for consultation and discussion after December.