

Neighbourhood Plan

Composition of Neighbourhood plan committee

The Council has two options

1. Full Committee with terms of reference and members who have declarations of interest and have to abide by standing orders and terms of office
2. A working group that refers ideas back to the council for discussion but the question here is who actually writes and creates the document?

If we go for a committee then we, by law, are required to establish terms of reference for the committee.

Suggest that if we go for a committee the terms of reference are:-

1. The neighbourhood plan committee is created and empowered to create and write a NP based upon "Our Vision" for our community.

Our Vision

'By 2031 we will have maintained and strengthened the characteristics of our rural moorlands village with an active, vibrant and sustainable community supporting a diverse economy with a range of services, facilities and homes designed to protect and enhance the special natural features and biodiversity of the area, thus improving the quality of life for its residents.'

2. The committee will only discuss and proceed with items that uphold that vision.
3. The objectives we wish to be achieved by the plan are defined by:-

"Our Objectives"

a. Housing Requirements

Match the numerical housing requirements of the local plan with the identified type of housing that our community needs.

Assess all sites (including those within the green belt) for suitability in case the Green Belt is proposed to be amended.

b. Economic & Commercial

Create an identified commercial area to protect and retain existing commercial activities at the heart of the village

Promote and encourage business and home working activities suitable for a rural community and develop services that supports these activities.

c. Biodiversity

Encourage sympathetic management of the environment to enhance and protect the landscape, improve local biodiversity and mitigate any housing impact

d. Recreation

Encourage the healthy use of the countryside, promote wellbeing and to provide facilities that enables sporting, leisure and community activities to flourish

e. Health Services

Protect existing facilities and services (including access to those services) whilst encouraging healthy lifestyles and social interaction

f. Infrastructure

Development will be supported where it can be shown it will improve (and not put pressure on) existing infrastructure within the Parish

g. Sense of Place

To acknowledge and safeguard the landscape , openness and character and historic environment of our community

4. The constitution of the committee shall consist of four Council members and five non councillors appointed by the council in line with Standing Orders.
5. New Members will be required to sign acceptance of office and willingness to serve according to the terms of reference.

Which will be to

- a. Declare personal interests and have them published on the website
 - b. To work to complete the Neighbourhood plan as laid down in the committees terms of reference.
6. The committee, for sake of speed is empowered to spend reasonable sums of money (up to £100 procurement of services and via the clerk) to facilitate the production of the report without approval by the Full Council. Sums greater than £100 require approval by the council.
 7. Any recommended changes to the Policies already approved by the council must be brought before the full council for approval along with the reasoning for the recommended changes.
 8. The Committee is supported by the clerk

There might be more terms of reference required but this is all I can think of.

Alternatively we simply have a working group.