



COSSINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ENVIRONMENT: THEME GROUP 2

Meeting Tuesday January 12th 2021

NOTES

Present: John Martin, Nicki Dearson, Janette Marshall, John McKeon, Beth Somi, Tony Voss, Penny Weston-Webb

Resignation: Clare and Simon Pearson, due to pressure of work during COVID-19

1. Introductions John Martin (for YourLocale) and other members spoke briefly about their experience and interests, and reasons for joining the environment theme group.

2. Declarations of interest, if any: None

3. Apologies: Fiona Gibbs

4. Chair and note-taker roles: Penny Weston-Webb (chair and local lead/liaison) and Beth Somi (note-taker)

5. The environment in Cossington's Neighbourhood Plan: John Martin talked the group through a PowerPoint presentation outlining the importance of 'the environment' in national and local planning and the role of Neighbourhood Plans as a statutory part of the planning system; he showed maps of the 'existing designations' (evidence already in the public domain) in the Cossington Plan Area, and suggested a likely timescale for the group's work (3-4 months to the pre-submission draft Plan, 1 year minimum to referendum). A copy of the PowerPoint will be uploaded to a shared, group DropBox folder, and access provided to all members.

6. Actions:

- Lynn Ford and David Smith were noted as useful contacts for historical information, when needed. This will include the identification of local heritage assets (non-Listed buildings and structures) if this policy area is conformed.
- Penny Weston-Webb will pursue registration for the Parish Online maps and OS licence service, via the Parish Council
- The Village Plan (2006) will be a useful source of narrative and evidence for the Neighbourhood Plan (updated as necessary). A copy will be added to the NP online resources, for reference by all.
- John Martin will set up a DropBox folder for the sharing of documentation and drafts for the duration of the environment group's work.
- John Martin will produce a key map of the Plan Area (all land parcels numbered) to facilitate recording and mapping of environmental information. This will be tabled at the next meeting, which will also consider and agree a) Policy Areas to be included in the environment chapter, b) the methodologies to be used, and c) jobs and responsibilities for the main evidence gathering stage of the project.

7. Date of next meeting: Tuesday January 26th, at 7.30 pm (by Zoom)

8. Any other business: there was none.