

**Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the Lawshall Neighbourhood Plan Team
The Swan Inn, 13/11/2017, 7.30pm**

In attendance:

NPT members : Ric Edelman, Karen Wilcox, Laura McClelland, Tom McClelland, John Kent, Lucy Kent, Bryan Adams, Laura Williams, Andy Irish, David Page, Debbie Thomas, Jamie Whatley.

PC members: Jon Kydd, Dorothy Griggs

In attendance: Ian Poole, Paul Bryant

Non-members: Ian Carrington, Wendy Harris, Nigel Hughes

1. Preliminaries

Welcome: Ric Welcomed Paul Bryant from Babergh DC, and Ian Poole, Consultant.

1.1 Apologies: Cathy Acheson, Claire Osborne, Emily-Rose Debenham

1.2 Declarations of Interest: Emily-Rose had informed that Keepers Farm has put forward land.

1.3 Minutes of last meeting: These were agreed as an accurate record. Signed by Chair.

1.4 Matters arising: There were 3 matters; Ric requested these be dealt with after item 2.

2. Winding Up

2.1 Funding: Debbie reported that the paperwork for 3rd instalment of Locality Grant had been completed and the docs that needed keeping would be passed to Dorothy, PC Clerk.

Treasurer: David reported that funding was received from Richard Kemps local locality budget, School House fund, and National Locality Grant. All monies spent. When final cheques have cleared the account will be closed and the books handed to the Parish Council.

2.2 Publicity: Laura M reported that the last piece has gone into the Round About.

2.3 Documentation: All documents will remain on the Parish Council Website.

The finalised/Adopted Neighbourhood Plan and Character Assessment will go to all team members, Parish Council and Lawshall Archive Group.

Paul Bryant congratulated the team and explained what documents will be kept on Babergh DC website.

Matters Arising

a) **NP Watchdog:** Laura McL explained how this was now set up to assist the PC with Planning Applications by pointing out the relevant NP Policies etc. She & Tom will liaise with David P on this over the next months. Debbie offered her services her for the next round or if Laura & Tom are not available.

b) **Local Plan – Babergh District Plan:** On Mon 30th Oct Andy, Claire and Ric had met with Paul Munson, Paul Bryant and Andrea McMillan Local Plan Officer from Planning Policy. Andy expressed his disappointment that the Draft Plan had ignored our NP. The Consultation has finished, the next version will be out in some weeks.

c) **Development Officers Meeting:** On Tues 7th Nov David P, Claire and Ric had met with Philip Isbell, Samantha Summers and Gemma Pannell at Lawshall village hall. Because of the current lack of a 5-year housing supply, Philip reported that our Plan was already out of date. Furthermore it was greatly weakened because we hadn't allocated sites.

Discussions followed as to why we were not recommended to do this, and why we had not been advised by Babergh that to not do this could be detrimental. It was explained by Ian and Paul that only the Housing Policies could be overruled and that the Heritage and Environmental Policies should still hold and are the most up to date they have.

However it was strongly expressed by many that this situation is far from acceptable and that Babergh should be brought to account.

3. Retrospective on NP Process

In the light of the above heated discussion Ric said he had no stomach for this item. No one opposed this and so the Retrospective was not carried out.

Thanks were given to the team by the Chair for all their hard work and input into the Plan; also to Jon Kydd and Dorothy for their active support and encouragement throughout the process; to the other PC Councillors and to all the 2nd Tier helpers who had assisted so brilliantly in so many ways. On behalf of the team, Tom then thanked Ric for his constancy and determination – and presented him with an original sketch of Golden Wood by Lucy Bell.

Meeting Concluded at 8.45pm