

Minutes of the Eighth meeting of Tarvin Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group 10 December 2015

Present: Cllr Edward Lush (Chairman), Roy Brereton, Celia Cummings, Jane Hough, Alison Kempski, Carol Over

1. Apologies – Matthew Dodsley, Robin Turney, Merryn Shaw, Maria Pemberton (Matthew has had to resign from the Group for family reasons but hopes to be able to return in the future)
2. The minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2015 were agreed as a correct record.
3. The updated communication plan was **agreed**. It was **agreed** that the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) should have a web presence as a link from the main page of the Tarvin Parish Council website, with a further link from there to a Facebook page. The **Chairman** would ask the Clerk to arrange the link from the Tarvin Parish Council website and **Jane Hough** would have a go at the Facebook page
4. **Roy** reported that he had met Rosie Morgan of Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) Planning (01244 973884). Amongst other things they had discussed the fact that a significant number of respondents to the community questionnaire had said that if there were to be more houses provided in the parish area they should be sited in Oscroft. Rosie confirmed that under the Local Plan a small community such as Oscroft, with no services and no access to public transport, would never be classed as a local service centre; accordingly no significant housing development would be permitted there.
[Note: there can be small scale development in such communities – for example, there is a current application to convert redundant barns at Oscroft farm into three houses. This application is yet to be determined]
Business development was also discussed and it was noted that 10 hectares of land needed to be identified in the rural area for this purpose. It was **agreed the Chairman** should write to George Molyneux, the owner of Pool Bank industrial site, to ask what scope (if any) existed for expanding employment at the site
5. It was **agreed** to explore the need for a skateboard park and where one might be sited. (It was noted that the Boneyard in Tattenhall was very successful). **The Chairman** would seek views via Tarvinonline and through his youth contacts
6. There was a long discussion on health provision in the parish area and it was **agreed** that the **Chairman** would draft a letter to the doctors' practice for the Group to consider, asking for a meeting to discuss how provision could be expanded. (Draft attached for comment)
7. The meeting closed at 9.00 pm and the Chairman wished everyone a very happy Christmas
8. Next meeting – 14 January in the Small Room at the Community Centre at 7.30 pm [NB Members of the public are welcome to attend]