

GREAT EASTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

RECORD OF MEETING HELD ON 2nd MAR 15 AT 2 PM IN THE SUN INN

1. **PRESENT.** 11 members attended.
2. **APOLOGIES.** Brian Hemmings, Steve Upton, Phil Long and Amanda Webb.
3. **RECORD OF MEETING OF 4 Feb 15.** The record was agreed.
4. **MATTERS ARISING.** Nil, outside the agenda..
5. **VILLAGE CONSULTATION.** Lucy Walsh said that she had created a Facebook page, open to all, and requested input including photos. The access email is: greateastonnp@gmail.com. It was also agreed to use the Parish Council website with a link to Facebook and to have regular newsletters using the monthly parish magazine. All are requested to contribute. Lucy agreed to coordinate a small group to move this forward. Lucy was warmly thanked for her work. **Action: LW/All**
6. **N PLAN – SCOPE AND POLICIES.** Gary Kirk gave a presentation of the scope and policies normally included in an NP, noting that, nationally, 52 NPs had been completed to date. A copy of the presentation will be placed in the Dropbox. The Policies include: Housing, Design Issues, Economy and Employment, Natural Environment and Open Spaces, Local Facilities and Roads and Transport. It is anticipated that the next meeting will initially focus on one topic, to include the Parish Settlement boundary. **Action: GK**
7. **GREAT EASTON SETTLEMENT PROFILE.** DG said that the response to HDC and the HDC reply had been circulated to all. Whilst the HDC reply had stated that “the scale of development will need to be proportional”, reference continues to be made to the potential for Great Easton to be a Rural Centre,. It was agreed that a further reply will be made to HDC prior to the Local Planning Executive Advisory Panel meeting on 22nd April. **Action: AM/DG**
8. **VISION STATEMENT – Great Easton Vision 2036.** AM said that the Vision Statement, previously circulated, is a working document and, for that reason, it had been decided not to forward it to HDC at this point in time.
9. **QUESTIONNAIRE.** ID said there had been a positive meeting with Midlands Rural Housing (MRH), who had agreed the principle of a single joint questionnaire, subject to HDC approval. A copy of the initial questionnaire, a draft covering letter and a flier had been circulated to all. MRH had agreed to produce the final versions and also collate the responses. The NP Group had agreed to distribute, follow up and collect the questionnaires. Hopefully this process would produce a considerably improved percentage of household responses. It was agreed that DG would produce a suggested timetable, leading to final approval of the agreed versions for the next meeting. ID and his group were again thanked for their work. **Action: ID/ DG**
RB and NM agreed to redraft the Covering letter to accompany the questionnaire and ID would also review the flier. **Action:ID/ RB/NMc**
10. **FUNDING.** DG said that Awards For All had agreed to fund £10,000 for the next phase of the NP and GK said that there was potentially additional Locality funding.
11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 26th March at 1.30 in the V Hall.**