YARNFIELD AND COLD MEECE PARISH COUNCIL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES Monday 26th February, 2024 Yarnfield Park Conference Centre

Present (for all or part of the meeting): -

Councillors:

David Beeston Margaret Broader Jo Griffiths Sally Parkin (Chairperson) Kirsty Treen

Ed Whitfield

Officer in attendance: John Fraser, Clerk to the Parish Council

Public at the meeting: 1 Viewing live on Facebook: 6

Apologies for Absence

23-619 Apologies were received from - Cllr. Stella Hughes

Declaration of Interest

23-620 Nil

Neighbourhood Plan - update and next actions

- The council received an update on progress with the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan setting out work that needed to be completed before the plan could be submitted to Stafford Borough Council for screening.
- The work plan, set out in Appendix 1, setting out the key stages in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, projected that the parish referendum could be held in January 2025.
- 23-623 During the meeting the councillors asked questioned about two of the policies, and possible changes that they would like advice on.
 - i. Should policy YCM5 (Local Heritage and Character) include a reference to the 4 other listed buildings in the parish rather than just focusing on the Cold Meece War Memorial?
 - ii. Should policy YCM6 (Landscape and Biodiversity) include:
 - more around replacing lost biodiversity arising from planning developments – possibly a positive statement about tree planting.
 - a statement requiring future maintenance of land to protect biodiversity. This suggestion was driven by a concern amongst the councillors about the fire risk associated with poorly maintained land and the enhanced risk of fire arising from climate change.
 - Should there be a policy specifically dealing with biodiversity net gain or is the currant wording of YCM6 sufficient to deal with the question of biodiversity net gain.

23-625 Resolution: It was resolved that:

- iii. The updated work programme for the Neighbourhood Plan was approved.
- iv. A request for advice on amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan policy YCM5 and YCM6 was sent to the parish council's planning consultant.
- v. That the completed regulation 14 screening document was sent to Stafford Borough Council.

Date and time of next meeting

18 March, 2024 at 7.30pm

Sally Pari Signed

Chairperson of the Parish Council

Date: 18 March, 2024

Meeting closed 8.25pm

Complete preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan policies

Draft neighbourhood plan prepared

YCM-PC meeting to approve submission of draft Neighbourhood Plan and policies to Stafford Borough Council planners for

Email to Stafford Borough Council advicing that they will be receiving the screening document

Screening by Stafford Borough Council

Open greenspace consultaiton - land owners

Complete Open Green Space consultation and evidnce

Prepare reg 14 consultation papers, posters and flyers, arrange venue

YCM-PC meeting to receive screening results and agree to run reg 14 consultation

Prepare evidence pack and website

Update document in light of Stafford Borough Council comments

Reg 14 consultation - 6 weeks

Update plan to take on board Reg 14 consultation comments

Yarnfield and Cold Meece Parish Council-PC Meeting to approve modifications and submission to SBC

Submit revised plan to Stafford Borough Council

Stafford Borough Council - reg 16 consultation

Agree appointment of examiner of the Neighbourhood Plan with Stafford Borough Council

Update plan to take on board Reg 16 consultation comments

Examination started

Examiners report received

Meeting with Stafford Borough Council – to agree changes because of examination

Referendum

Yarnfield and Cold Meece Parish Council - Neighbourhood Plan Timetable

20-Jan
10-Dec
23-Dec
23-Dec
25-Nov
11-Nov
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