

ACOMB NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Minutes of the meeting Tuesday August 15 2017
6.30pm in Acomb Village Hall

1. **Present:** Norman Robson (local resident, in the chair), Matilda Bevan (local resident and Minutes), Cllr Lorna Farr (Acomb Parish Council/Action4Acomb), Cllr Rachel Gagliano (Acomb Parish Council), Jane Wrigley (local stakeholder), Cllr Charles Enderby, Bill Grigg

Invited Guest: Jenny Ludman, Ludman Planning

2. **Apologies for absence:** Chris Anderson (Planning Officer), County Cllr Trevor Cessford, Naomi Liller
3. **Minutes of the last meeting held on Tues 19th July:** were agreed a true record.
4. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting** are covered elsewhere in the Agenda.
5. **Policy Pro-Forma documents progress:**
Norman Robson had sent around draft amendments to Policy 1 itself and the thoughts behind it, since the last meeting.

1. Green Spaces:

Action: NR will photograph the listed Green Spaces.

7 Green Spaces have been mapped by Chris Anderson, the 8th is identified as common land on the fell near Codlaw that is rough ground of no amenity value and is therefore dropped from inclusion.

Jenny Ludman pointed out that Bridleways should not be identified as Local Green Spaces.

Action: NR will remove these from the List.

2. Community Facilities:

Lorna Farr has made an audit to assess which of these should feature in the list.

Action: NR and LF will finalise list and compile the Audits

Jenny Ludman re-capped that an audit provides the background evidence to support the inclusion of a Community Facility to the list. Questions to ask: e.g. - "Which are the ones that need protecting." If all, why? Sufficient background evidence will be needed in each case.

Charles Enderby stated that Acomb First School should be included on this list. If the School grows from First to Primary (20 more places), the NP could support expansion, to continue to accommodate the

Nursery section. The School is on Allendale land on Leasehold to the School. Expansion would mean extending into the Green Belt. Jenny Ludman suggested that an extra Policy covering School facilities might be necessary, involving discussion with the Governors.
Action: JW?

3. Flooding:

Action: Charles Enderby will meet Alex Nicholson in September.

4. Cycling and Walking:

With Chris Anderson we are establishing up to date existing footpaths and rights of way on the Parish map, and identifying links that could be made.

Tim Fish of NCC is the authority to refer to on Footpaths and Bridlepaths.

The revised routes would be shown on the digital map produced by Chris.

Action: JW, MB, CA

5. Development at Howford Haulage Yard

Charles Enderby said that the owner of the land on either side of Howford Lane opposes expansion to incorporate a parallel footpath. It was agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan should retain the Policy as it stands.

6. Infill Housing within the Settlement Boundary:

There are infill opportunities only, in the Conservation Area.

Jenny Ludman said that the Conservation Area Policy will cover this.

The design aspect of a potential Housing or Employment development on the old Bus Station site could be prescribed, possibly referring to and preventing demolition of former Colliery buildings. Prevention of huge out-of-scale Henderson-type shed installations on this site which is the entrance to the village, is an important consideration.

Action: Rachel will try and define what type of development would work on that site while understanding that it is not possible to be too prescriptive.

7. Business/Employment:

NR proposed supporting mixed-use development for the part of the Industrial Estate that is not designated as Employment.

8. Acomb Conservation Area:

Jenny Ludman informed that it is for the Parish Council to apply to English Heritage for Listed Building Status, not the Neighbourhood Plan.

Action: BG to put it onto the next PC Agenda

Jenny Ludman said that such buildings are not Designated Heritage Assets, referring to the “Bassetlaw” paper she has forwarded to us that illustrates this point.

Jenny Ludman recommended that the non-designated Heritage Assets should be incorporated within policy 9 (See below).

9. Non-Designated Heritage Assets in Acomb Parish:

Content of this Policy has been covered in discussion of the previous Policy.

Jenny Ludman advises reference to Bassetlaw Paper

6. Community Assets / Infrastructure Audits Progress

Jenny stated that it is Community Facilities not Assets (which have to be registered) that should be audited. Lorna will send the list of facilities to the Group when she and Norman had finalised it.

7. Footpaths and Bridlepaths Mapping Progress

Covered in discussion of Policy 4 above.

8. What next – mapping out actions for the remainder of 2017?

It was agreed that there is more work to do on developing Policies, and that the SG aims to produce the First Draft Plan in September. Jenny Ludman will draw up a ‘skeleton’ outline Plan for our guidance on this.

9. Website

Lorna Farr will discuss enabling Facebook access for the public on the website with Rachel Gagliano.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 19th September at 6.30pm at the Village Hall.