

**Minutes of the Meeting of Hellesdon Neighbourhood Plan Working Group  
held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7pm  
in The Council Chamber, Diamond Jubilee Lodge**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr S. Gurney (Chairman)  
Cllr L. Douglass  
Mrs K. Hicks  
Cllr R. Sear

Cllr N. Barker  
Cllr R. Forder  
Cllr B. Johnson  
Mr D. Thrower

**In attendance:** Mrs F. LeBon (Clerk) and Mr M. Thompson (Collective Community Planning).

Cllr Gurney opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed all in attendance.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Mrs B. Knowles and Mr S Lowthorpe.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**3. To Agree Minutes of the Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

The draft minutes had been previously circulated and were **AGREED** after a proposal from Cllr Douglass and a second from Cllr Forder.

**4. To Receive Updates on Matters which may Impact the Neighbourhood Plan**

The Clerk reported that the Neighbourhood Plan Group has received a further £9,900 in grant funding from Locality to support the Neighbourhood Plan.

Broadland and South Norfolk Councils are currently responding to the Government's consultation on updates to the National Planning Policy Framework. They are requesting that the government changes its methodology to calculate housing need, as with the proposed methodology it is likely that the recently adopted GNLP will require an extra 35% housing allocation.

The means that the GNLP may need to be reviewed and the additional housing allocation for Hellesdon may be increased from zero.

More will be known later in the year.

**5. Neighbourhood Plan Policies**

**a) To Receive Nominations and Justifications for Designation of Important Views**

A paper was circulated about two nominations for important views. These were:

- View from Drayton High Road (opposite the junction of Drayton Wood Road).
- View from Low Road (opposite the entrance to Wensum Mount Business Park).

The view from the Open Space at Wensum Valley Close was discussed and it was agreed to add this as an important view, as well as include it as a Local Green Space designation.

Other views were discussed but were discounted either for being part of a site allocated for housing or for the view extending out of the parish.

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These three important views were **ACCEPTED**. Any other ideas for important views should be sent to the Clerk.

**b) To Receive Nominations and Justifications for Designation of Local Green Spaces.**

*Cllr Gurney declared an interest in matters relating to Cottinghams Park, residing adjacent to the land.*

A paper on nominations for Local Green Space Protection was presented. These were:

- Woodland to the north west of Reepham Road
- St Pauls Church Ground
- Open space at the 1<sup>st</sup> Hellesdon Scout Group
- Open space at Plantation Road / Millenium Avenue
- Green space at Eversley Road / Silk Mill Road
- Open space at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hellesdon Scout Group (add historical significance to this justification as a site of a bomb crater).
- Open space at Nursery Close
- Open space at Loxwood
- Open space at Prince Andrews Road
- Open space at Wensum Valley Close. It was noted that the size of this land was over 2ha so could be deemed as an expansive plot of land, but this land has significant environmental and wildlife importance.
- Meadow Way (including access) points
- Mountfield Park
- Cottinghams Park
- Bush Road Allotments
- The Recreation Ground

It was noted that the land does not need to be in public ownership for it to be designated as local green space.

Notes were presented on land at Drayton Wood Road / Westwood Drive. Concerns were raised over there not being enough justification for this land to be designated. However the land already benefits from a line of lime trees with TPOs attached to them, which should protect the land without a local green space designation.

The areas of Local Green Space were **AGREED**. Any further suggestions should be sent to the Clerk.

**c) To Discuss Nominations and Justifications for Designation of Non Designated Heritage Assets**

it was **AGREED** that the Clerk should complete assessments on:

- 12 Hastings Avenue and 1 Overbury Road, as WWII aircraft crash sites.
- The Mann Egerton site as a former airfield.
- The boundary cross.
- The two village signs (at the parish hall and on the Bull Roundabout).
- The milestone on Drayton High Road
- St Pauls Church (specifying the stained glass window)
- The Bull
- The Whiffler (noting the bomb damaged roof).
- The Parish Hall
- 2no. Pill boxes on the former golf course site.
- Frontage of Hellesdon Hospital.

Any further suggestions for non designated heritage assets should be sent to the Clerk.

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**d) To Discuss Nominations and Justifications for Designation of Important Trees**

Areas which already had TPOs were discussed.

The Clerk is to do further work into the Scots Pine trees at Falkland Close, which were originally part of a band of trees that spanned most of the parish. The Clerk will also look at the trees to the front of Hellesdon Hospital.

Any further ideas for the category of important trees are to be sent to the Clerk.

**6. To Receive Response from Call for Sites.**

One response had been received for the call for sites and this was for the former Jarrold sports and social club on Heath Crescent. The indicative layout design which had been previously sent to the Parish Council was distributed and responses to queries put to Cornerstone developments was also discussed.

Discussions also occurred about the potential changes to the NPPF and the impact on housing targets for the Greater Norwich area.

It was **AGREED** that this should be given further consideration at the next meeting.

**7. Items for the Next Agenda**

Further discussion from the call for sites

Designation of important trees

Designation of Non Designated Heritage Assets.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan

**8. Date and Time of Next meetings**

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

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