**WORLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN Working Party Meeting.**

**24th March 2021 at 7:30pm, via Zoom.**

**Present: Ian Poole – Places4People (Planning Consultant),**

**Parish Council: Nick Foster, Paula MacKenzie, Lesley Osborn & Vicky Bright, Clerk**

**Also Present: Julian Campbell, Susan French**

A presentation was given by Ian Poole, Places4People. ***See Appendix – Slides attached.***

***Introduction:-***

Neighbourhood Plans allow for fine detail and adds value for each individual Parish to identify when development is being considered, the Plan can give much greater detail than the Local Plan (WSC), such as; views/characteristics, open spaces, green spaces to be protected, it can also include protection of Public Rights of Way (PRoW), listed or locally important buildings and village interests. It can also include specific Design detail on allocated sites for development

The current application to move the Boundary to include Turnpike End Estate in Red Lodge Parish was discussed and it was agreed that the application to WSC to designate the Parish Area for the Neighbourhood Plan proposal, would include the whole parish, minus the Turnpike End area.

***Process Overview:-***

* Area/Parish Designation application to WSC
* Draft the Plan (Prep & Consultation)
* Submit Draft to Local Authority (WSC)
* Further Public Consultation & Independent Examination
* Parish Referendum
* Plan adopted – \* 18-24 months to plan & submit, plus 6 months+ after submission to LA and approval.

***Funding/Support:-***

The Local Authority (LA) have a duty to support and give assistance.

Grants are available from the Government;

* Up to £10,000
* Free Technical Support (i.e. Housing Needs Assessment & Design guidance)
* Additional grants up to £8,000 (if we allocate a site for Housing and/or include Design Guidance in the plan) \*Design guidance includes;
* Technical Support
* Online meeting to explore parish needs (Housing etc.)
* Appoints a Consultant
* Initial meeting to explore village/parish history, issues etc.
* Urban Designers then do a report

***Actions going forward:-***

It was agreed that to avoid missing out on this years funding cycle, we proceed with the Plan despite Covid-19 restrictions, with the first actions being;

* Formally Resolve to proceed & Appoint a Planning Consultant and agree a Fee Proposal (\*April PC meeting)
* Apply for the Government Grant in April 2021
* Apply to WSC (LA) to designate the Parish Area (Minus Turnpike End)
* Publicity / Website set up (Household Survey – May) (Public Events/Displays June/July)

It was agreed that the Working Party meet monthly at 7pm, on the 4th Wednesday.

**Next Meeting to be held on Wednesday 28th April 2021 at 7pm.**

**Meeting Closed: 8:56pm**