

**Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the  
Stapleford and Shelford Neighbourhood Plan  
Green Belt and Countryside Access Interest Group**

**Tuesday, 18 October, 2016 at Stapleford Jubilee Pavilion at 7.30 pm**

**Present:** Lynda Warth, Alex Sossick, Tom Robinson, Sarah Lummis, Michael Clegg, Barbara Clegg, Miranda Fyfe, Geoff Hale, Ian Hodge, Jenny Morris, Anthony Cooper

**Apologies:** John O'Boyle, Ken Fletcher

**1.0 Introductions:**

Having convened the meeting, Lynda Warth invited all attendees to introduce themselves and their interests to the other members of the group.

Lynda explained that she was unable to lead the Group and requested that someone else undertook this role. Ian Hodge agreed and took the Chair. Lynda offered to be the Minutes Secretary and this was agreed.

**2.0 Purpose of the Group**

Not everyone had attended the previous meeting at Shelford Memorial Hall so those members who had, briefly explained the aims of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and the proposed role of the Group. It was felt that the Group needed further clarification of its role and that this should be provided at the upcoming meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> November which some of the original members had been invited to attend.

Anthony outlined parts of the planning process which would impact on the NP including the Local Development Plan which is still to be finalised. Questions were raised about the Omission Sites within the Plan and how well the Green Belt was protected within Planning Law.

There was strong feeling amongst the Group that existing rights of way need protecting from the impact of further development but it was also acknowledged that development could be a source of new access. However, it would be important to establish the need for access at the concept stage of any proposal.

**3.0 The NP Process**

The idea of a Love it / Hate it mini questionnaire had been proposed at the previous meeting. It was felt that this would be good idea and that perhaps the Group's first task would be to draw up a paragraph to be included in the preamble to the mini questionnaire to encourage residents to think about the Green Belt and Access and what it meant to them – or perhaps more importantly, how they would feel about losing it. Responses could provide the basis for questions for the main questionnaire.

A map of the parish boundaries of Shelford and Stapleford was available which was very useful.

#### **4.0 Group Discussion**

Points were raised which could be considered for further review:

- Identify paths at threat
- Investigate Agri-environment funds
- Draw up a wish list of access
- Identify areas where development might be considered acceptable.
- Establish areas where development is inevitable.
- Enhancement of existing facilities – e.g. tree and hedge planting
- Impact of the Cambs Green Infrastructure Strategy and the Cambs RoWIP
- Potential impact of large scale development opposite Trumpington Meadows Country Park
- Effect of the City Deal Transport proposals
- Cambridge Inner Green Belt - impact of Cambridge's deficiency of Green Space within the City
- Brownfield sites: those identified had already been developed – are there any others which could come forward?
- Impact of S.106 funds and the CIL levy
- Impact of development on the Environment
- Conservation, flora, fauna and wildlife
- The Quarter to Six Quadrant Group

By the end of the discussion, there were more questions than answers but a significant amount of enthusiasm as well!

#### **5. Any other Business**

All attendees confirmed that they would be prepared to continue to have an input into the Group. It was felt that the next steps would be clearer after the 2<sup>nd</sup> November meeting.

Lynda agreed to provide links to the various documents and groups which had been referred to during the meeting.

#### **6. Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that no further meeting dates would be proposed until after 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9 pm.

#### **Links:**

Local Development Framework: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/ldf>

South Cambs Local Plan: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/localplan>

SHLAA sites: [www.scambs.gov.uk/content/strategic-housing-land-availability-assessment](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/strategic-housing-land-availability-assessment)

Cambs County Council RoWIP (link at bottom of page):  
[http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20006/travel\\_roads\\_and\\_parking/66/transport\\_plans\\_and\\_policies](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20006/travel_roads_and_parking/66/transport_plans_and_policies)

Gt. Shelford (Ten Acres) objection to the Local Plan;

<http://egov.scambs.gov.uk/ldf/scannedrepsjuly2013/60627%2060629-32.pdf>

Quarter to Six Quadrant: <http://qtsq.org.uk/>

Cambridgeshire Definitive Map: <http://my.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/myCambridgeshire.aspx?tab=maps&StartEasting=547361&StartNorthing=251651&StartZoom=100>