

Markfield Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group

Notes from the 1st meeting – 21st February 2018

Present:

Maggie Duggan – Shaw Lane Action Group

Ann Cook – Markfield Court

Rosie Woodland – Markfield PPG

Margaret Bowler – MPC

Jacqui Williams – MPC

Tony Lockley – MPC

1. Apologises – none
2. Introductions: - Since this was the group's first meeting everyone introduced themselves and talked a little about the organisations they represented and the local issues which concerned them.
3. Given both the 2-year plus timeframe it will take to prepare the plan and the amount of work involved, it was agreed that additional members were required – ideally another 4 to bring the membership to 10.
4. The group will need to be properly constituted
5. Markfield PC have set aside funding within their 2018-19 budget to pay for somebody to support the group
6. The importance of not allowing vested interests to influence both the way the group operated and the content of the plan was discussed.
7. Different ways of recruiting additional members were discussed. These included:
 - Highlighting potential threats to the parish
 - Facebook page – ***a post went up within 24 hours of the meeting***
 - A flier in "The Herald" – ***An enquiry has been sent to the editor***
 - Local radio
 - Developing a strapline
 - Through local events – e.g. school fairs
 - Working with the Leicestershire and Rutland Community Council (LRCC) on an open evening meeting
 - Using a range of venues around the parish to attract a wider audience – e.g. Shaw Lane WMC; Markfield Court Social Club
8. What next – arrange a meeting with the LRCC to explore the help they can provide – ***TL to do***

Date of next meeting to be agreed