



Markfield Parish Council

NPlan Sub Committee (Working Group)

Meeting: 26 September 2023 at the Community Library

Present: Cllr Lucy Norris (Chair), Cllr Margaret Bowler (MPC Vice Chair), Cllr Gannon, Cllr Sprason (part of the meeting), Cllr Burrows (part of the meeting), Mrs A Cook, Mr T Lockley and Mr R Quiney

Apologies: Cllr Stuart Taylor (Chair MPC) and Mr I Springthorpe

- The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and the previous minutes of the 20 June 2023 meeting were noted
- The Chair gave an update of her conversations with our Planning Consultant who anticipates his first draft to be completed early October. She indicated a timeline of a year to examination and referendum
- The Chair asked members if they had gone through the existing plan as requested from the June meeting to identify any elements they deemed needed to be included in the refresh. She had done so herself
- Cllr Gannon felt that Heritage Assets needed to be strengthened, including the stone wall along Ashby Road
- Green Spaces – addition of old allotment site and to add details about the new woodland project at Hill Hole
- Mr T Lockley had a list but had not yet submitted it to the Group but would do so
- Mr T Lockley advised that planning permissions passed since the made plan would need to be referenced – a list needed to be made
- Cllr Sprason advised South Charnwood school are expanding and this could have an impact on traffic etc so may need to be mentioned in our NHP
- Mrs A Cook discussed the Islamic centre and that their site shouldn't be expanded
- News was welcomed that Jelson are intending to submit phase 3 at the end of this year – 172 dwellings. The Chair shared a document from Jelson that she would circulate post meeting.
- Funding is in progress but there is still confusion as to who makes the application and signs it. Cllr Bowler indicated from memory she thought the PC makes the Application but the N Plan Group prepares it – **to be clarified with the Locum Clerk/RFO**. The money is ring fenced in the PC account. The Group should keep internal accounts.

It was agreed that site selection should be the priority and the Chair would liaise with our Planning Consultant and HBBC so that a date can be set for the exercise.

Members would be advised accordingly by the Chair.