

## Notes from Wing Neighbourhood Plan Public Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at Wing Village Hall, 7.30pm

**In Attendance:** Richard Tulloch Wing Parish Council Chair, David Seviour Wing Parish Councillor, Colin Dunigan (Planning Officer Neighbourhood Plans) Rutland County Council Liaison Officer.

**Apologies:** Andy Howeth, Chris Howeth, Lyndia Katzen, Robin Cullen, Helen Cullen.

1. The Wing Neighbourhood plan public meeting was very well attended with 46 other residents of the village in attendance – see attached list.
2. The meeting was introduced by Richard Tulloch, Chair of Wing Parish Council. He gave an interesting insight into the history of Wing village and the aspects of that history we should cherish and take forward into a village plan.
3. David Seviour delivered an outline of the statutory and relevant information about the making of a Neighbourhood Plan. The most important aspects of this being the participation of the village residents, but covering:
  - The legal/legislative background documents
  - A local vision
  - Safe-guarding the environment and developing conservation
  - Inclusion of all village residents and their views
  - Preservation of historical aspects of the village and its life
  - Responding to newly emergent needs
  - New/improved relationships with companies in our area, some of which are very significant in terms of the environment – e.g. the railway, Anglia Water
  - Development of diversity - improved demographic and response to changing needs
  - Improvement of key services to the village.

He prefaced all of these things with the need for efficiency, transparency and accountability in Parish Council business.

4. Colin Dunigan, the planning officer from Rutland County Council who is responsible for working with Parish Councils in connection with neighborhood plans in the Rutland County Council area, then gave a presentation on key areas that the plan would need to follow with reference to his local projected photographs and graphics, referencing the RCC Neighbourhood Plan Toolkit as he progressed:
  - Though each plan is specific to each village there will be key areas that will need to be included to ensure that the plan will be able to be approved by the County Council and adopted by the village, the latter by means of a referendum.
  - He confirmed that his comparatively new post had been created to help and that he could provide support and guidance to the steering group once formed.
  - There are opportunities to apply for small grants to help with the process

- It is recommended that the key skills needed are best found within the village residents; graphic design, management, communication, academic and practical skills, website content management, etc., but that Government grants could be obtained to purchase professional service input where appropriate and to support the costs of the referendum.
- 5 The question and answer session raised many questions such as –validity and status of the document, time scales, the process of adoption of the document, the relationship to the Local Plan, the protection of green spaces, new housing provision, and these questions were answered by the Parish Councillors and the Planning Officer.
  - 6 The open public meeting was brought to a close at around 8.40pm and steering group volunteers were asked to stay on for a short meeting.
  - 7 Steering Group volunteer contact details were taken, draft terms of reference for the NP Steering Group were distributed together with a plan of the Parish, the Draft NP Service Level Agreement between WPC and RCC, and the WPC Equality Policy. It was stated that these documents were early notice for the upcoming ‘constitutional items’ at the Steering Group Meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> March at which a Chair and Vice Chair needed to be elected. The Code of Conduct applicable to the PC and its Sub-committees would also be distributed before the 29<sup>th</sup> March.
  - 8 The date for the Wing Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting was set for **6.30 – 7.30, Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup>** at the Village Hall.
  - 9 The Meeting closed at 9pm and thanks were given to all who attended.

Footnote: A full transcript of Councillor Seviour’s presentation and the visual presentation made by Mr. Dunigan will appear on the Wing Community website at ‘Parish Council’. <https://wingrutland.uk/category/new/parish-council/>