

Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan

Parish Panel Notes 13 February 2013

Pegswood Parish Council

Present

Chair: Councillor Peter Stonell (PS)

Vice Chair: Councillor Julie Stephenson (JS)

Councillor Linda Doherty (LD)

Councillor Alan Sambrook (AS)

Clerk: Kevin Cassie (KC)

Consultant: CABE, Colin Haylock (CH)

Project Co-ordinator: Ian Campbell (IC)

Apologies were received from Councillor Alan Fowlie, Heritage lead

Economy lead

Environment lead

Housing lead

Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Colin Haylock and Ian Campbell.

The Chair identified a likely agenda of

1. a visioning exercise, led by Colin Haylock and leading to
2. consideration of the parish's response to the Northumberland County Council (NCC) Core Strategy Preferred Options document that classified Pegswood in the "other settlements" category.

General Discussion

Discussion however then focussed on the NCC decision, and a consideration raised by JS as to whether this was important and could impact upon our plans for Pegswood.

The view of CH & IC was that it was important as the vision they perceived was that Pegswood wished to grow and develop as a sustainable community; and that this would involve looking at housing, business development, the retail offer and community facilities etc. "in the round" and that if the NCC view was not challenged this might prove impossible.

Further drivers for concern are

- the impact of the Northern Bypass on the village is likely to be significant
- the inter-relationship between Pegswood and Morpeth is being recognised within TMNP Steering and topic groups as especially significant.

PS reported on discussions following the recent steering group meeting with NCC planners where he had outlined current development activity and plans in the village; and of our vision for the future. This had led to an acknowledgement of lack of knowledge about the current situation; and an aural that out thinking concerning the future could be accommodated within the Preferred Option proposals.

At the conclusion of these lengthy discussions it was agreed

1. to propose to the parish council that they should convey their concerns to NCC and seek assurances that our plans for the future will be allowable within the proposed Core Strategy;
2. seek the support of TMNP steering group to this action.

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OUR vision for the future of Pegswood

During the previous discussion many ideas for the future of Pegswood were aired and discussed it became apparent that there was a need to “bring together” the various strands into a comprehensive and cohesive plan.

To this end it was agreed

3. to hold a visioning workshop, facilitated by Colin Haylock, on Wednesday 13 March to which it is hoped all councillors will attend. The workshop will commence with light refreshments at 5.00pm for a 5.30 – 9.00pm workshop;
4. that the results of the workshop be presented to the March parish council; when proposals 1 & 2 above will be considered.