

Hednesford Town Council
Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group
10:00 am 12 January 2016

Present: Cllrs B Gamble (BG) (Chair), Mrs D Grice (DG), A Pearson (AP) and L Aitchison (LH), P Harrison (PH), J Heminsley (JH) and D Wisehall (DW)

Apologies: Cllrs B Hardman and L Whitehouse

1. Notes

The notes of the meeting held on 8 December 2015 were received

2. Update

JH had begun to draft the main sections of the Plan including Introduction, Planning Policy Context, History and Description of the Town and Key Issues and Draft Policies

JH asked for any comments on the content so far and advised there was still an opportunity to include reference to specific buildings/structures. With regard to the land survey it was noted that BG/AP and DG still had to complete Hednesford South

JH was going to take the views of Planning Officers at CCDC regarding the protections that could be afforded to buildings/structures of local importance. He also indicated that some further analysis would need to be undertaken with regard to any proposals for a more detailed brief for the Town Centre

It was agreed that the introduction should indicate that whilst technically Hednesford is a Parish reference would be made in the Plan to "Town" so as to reflect the urban rather than the rural nature of the area. It was agreed that St. Joseph's should be included in the list of primary schools

The working group discussed with LA the arrangements that would need to be put in place to publicise and consult on the draft plan.(Commencing early Summer 2016) The Plan itself would be quite a technical document and there would need to be a synopsis of the key points readily accessible to and understandable by members of the public. It was also proposed that there would need to be consultation events/presentations and these could be supplemented by the use of social media and use of video

Bearing in mind the likely timetable LA would look at what was required and come forward with proposals and costs

The next meeting would be held at 10:00 on 9 February 2016

The meeting ended at 11:25 am