

Thorpe St Andrew Town Council
Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group meeting held on
11 September 2017 at 5.30pm

1 Present:

Mr J Fisher (Chairman)
Mr P Clarke Mr F Bowe Mr J Clarke Mr S Snelling Mr L Reeves
Mr M Martins

Apologies:

In attendance:

Mr T Foreman (Town Clerk)

There was 1 member of the public present.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Member	Minute No & Item	Nature of Interest
None		

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2017 were signed as a true record

4 ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

5 UPDATE OF CONSULTATION EVENT

Mr J Fisher provided an update on the recent consultation events which took place at the St Georges' Day and Church Fete events.

It was explained that there was a difference in demographic between those who attended the event near Dussindale, and those who were present at the Church. This difference allowed for a wider range of ideas and views to be expressed from different areas of the town.

Mr J Fisher commented that a number of forms had been completed at both events, in addition to the 'pom pom' voting and maps which were used to gauge opinion.

6 OVERVIEW OF CONSULTATION RESULTS

Mr T Foreman provided a presentation of the current results generated through the public consultation. The Members of the working group highlighted key points identified thus far, including:

- A desire for individual plots be made available for sale

- An increase in the amount of services in a 'hub' within the town
- The importance of preserving the character of the town
- That traffic was affecting many respondents within the town – although it was remarked that an extensive drainage system was being installed during this consultation which resulted in many roadworks throughout the town
- The need for greater off-road parking in new developments
- That most of the current respondents did not currently have children living at home

7 EXTENSION OF THE CONSULTATION PERIOD

Mr T Foreman explained that 77 responses had been received including the hard-copies at community venues, the hard copies at events, as well as those filled in online through social media, and the Town Council website pop-up. Mr T Foreman requested that members consider extending the period due to the impending newsletter publication to all households and 2 popular local events. The members discussed the proposal, highlighting the potential to get more parents of younger children to complete the survey through the newsletter and events. It was suggested that a child be offered the chance to turn the Christmas lights on at River Green to encourage parent's participation. The members approved the extension to the 3rd December 2017 and the proposal for the child of a respondent to turn on the Thorpe St Andrew Christmas lights.

The meeting closed at 18.45pm

Signed:

Dated: