

## **SHIFNAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP**

Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015

### **1. PRESENT**

Chris Raine Chair), Robert Harrop (Shifnal Town Council), Trevor Tarran, Tim Day, Bob Vincent, Andrea McWilliams (Shropshire Council).

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Andy Mitchell (Shifnal Town Council),

### **3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

These minutes were approved.

### **5. PRE- SUBMISSION CONSULTATION RESPONSES**

Over 80 responses had been received and this was considered to be an excellent response. BV had scheduled the majority of the responses except for a few which had been received in writing and these would be added. The majority of the responses were positive, in particular from residents and community groups. The comments were all considered and responses noted, those that required a detailed response were discussed and the CR /TT would draft the response. A meeting had been arranged to discuss the response from Shropshire Council planners. It was noted that respondents via the website, which was the majority had all received an acknowledgement and thank you. A response would be sent to respondents who had raised detailed questions, eg the Shifnal Flood Partnership.

Once the schedule had been completed with the Steering Group response and any action agreed then it would be included in the Consultation Statement.

Parts of the Plan document now required some redrafting to take into account the responses where action to amend the Plan had been agreed. CR would co-ordinate the amendments and TD/TT would liaise over the redraft of the Green belt para highlighted by Shropshire Planners.

### **6. CONSULTATION STATEMENT**

The final copy of the Consultation Statement was agreed although the schedule of responses was still to be added.

### **7. BASIC CONDITIONS STATEMENT**

The final copy of the Basic Conditions Statement was agreed subject to the meeting with the Shropshire Planners.

#### 8. STALL ON FOOD & CRAFT MARKET 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

CR reported that the stall at the Food and Craft market had received a lot of interest and discussion and was felt to have been a success in publicising the development of the Plan and the opportunity to comment as part of the Pre-Submission consultation.

#### 9. HOUSING AND PLANNING BILL CONSULTATION

TT had circulated a summary note identifying those issues which referred to Neighbourhood Planning and development aspects which might impact on the Shifnal. There are proposals to speed up the NP process which would not be implemented in time to impact on Shifnal's NP. The references to Green Belt land in relation to the Bill and permitted development changes are that it is hoped that more housing sites will be provided and more speedily by these policy changes on existing developed/allocated sites so avoiding the need to use Green Belt land. As the Shifnal NP is not proposing additional development sites then it was considered that the changes to do not affect the NP currently but there will need to be a watching brief kept on Shropshire Council Land housing land supply meeting the NPPF requirement for a 5 year land supply which has been the major factor in the current housing developments allowed around Shifnal. It is known that while Shropshire Council's SAMDev will be adopted in December with sufficient housing land supply to meet the NPPF requirement, following the enquiry and comments made by the Inspector, Shropshire Council will be undertaking a review of their Housing Land Supply starting in 2016. So, all settlements in Shropshire will be under scrutiny again from developers and the planners. The Neighbourhood Plan does set out the position in Shifnal clearly.

It was noted that a planning application had been submitted to put up a fence around Idsall School playing fields and grounds.

#### 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is **Friday 4th December 10.00am** to sign off the plan and the report for the Town Council meeting which is on 17<sup>th</sup> December. All members of the Steering Group are invited to that meeting.