

**BRACKENFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP
AT THE OLD HOUSE, BRACKENFIELD
ON TUESDAY 9 JANUARY AT 2018 AT 6PM**

Present: David Wakefield, Caroline Wakefield, Linda Walker, Neal Steeper, Rachel Robson (Consultant), Stefan Priest, Martin Philips, Billie-Jean Poole, Keith Purvis, Karen Purvis, Peter Pilsbury, Mike Edwards, Christine Edwards, Anne Edgar

Matters arising:

- **Gathering local information:** Neal, Peter and Mike met on Wednesday 3 January to discuss interviewing local residents about the history and local heritage of the village. Mike and Neal are going to interview Gladwyn Turbutt on Friday 12 January and have plans to speak with other long-standing residents.
- **Village Character Assessment - Initial “walk round”:** Rachel and Andrew met with a group at the Church Hall on Monday 8 January for a “walk round” to begin the Character Assessment of the Green and surrounding area. (See separate meeting notes.) Rachel will write up the observations from the group on the pro forma she has provided.

Village Character Assessment – Discussion:

There was some discussion about the designation of significant features as “non designated heritage assets”. Assets that are deemed locally important for historical reasons can be designated, but this is not essential. Mile markers, drovers' roads, troughs, and similar public assets could be designated, rather than residential properties. The group recognise that the designation of private property could be very contentious and this would certainly not be proposed without prior discussion with and consent of the owners.

A question was asked about how the consultants had assisted the process. Responses were that they had asked pertinent questions, which helped the group identify what was distinctive, special and noteworthy e.g. the way properties are set back from the lanes and key views. Views from the village were noted but we need to include views into the village as well. The way the village sits in the landscape is very important. Photographs need to be taken of important views and features, some of which can be included in the Plan and appendices.

There was some discussion regarding the “Special Landscape Area” which covers Ogston Hall and most of Ogston Reservoir. Rachel explained that The Draft Local Plan for N E Derbyshire puts less weight on SLAs and although this is some way from being adopted, it is important to take regard of the emerging plan. A key focus is to identify what makes our NP area distinctive at a local level.

Using a large scale map, the Neighbourhood Plan Area was divided into sub-areas for the purpose of completing the Character Assessment and volunteers were allocated to each area as follows:

1. Woolley (Former hamlet) – Neal and Christine
2. White Carr Lane including Mathers' Grave – Linda and Billie
3. Lindway Lane – Stefan and Mike

4. Ogston New Road – David and Caroline
5. Brackenfield Lane – Karen, Keith and Peter
6. Butterfield Lane – Anne, Mike and Christine

- Rachel will send A4 PDF maps showing each area, a blank form and guidance notes to aid completion by 17 January. She will also send the criteria for designating Local Green Space and Non-designated Heritage Assets
- Rachel will send Mike some question prompts and contacts for Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and he will contact them to see if they have any relevant data.

Any Other Business:

Appeal relating to proposed housing development on Back Lane:

It was noted that an appeal has been submitted with regard to the proposed development of the two fields which are being included in Wessington's Neighbourhood Plan Area. Concern was expressed about the impact this development could have on Brackenfield including increased traffic, loss of views and loss of a "green gap" and separation between Wessington and Brackenfield. Brackenfield Parish Council agreed to Wessington PC's request that the two fields on Back Lane should be included in their area, specifically so that they could be preserved as countryside for the benefit of residents in both parishes.

- Stefan will contact Wessington Neighbourhood Planning Group to discuss.

Brackenfield Parish Council – Vacancy for Parish Clerk:

Martin explained that William McCartney is stepping down at the end of March and the Parish Council are seeking a new clerk. The post is being advertised and if we know of anyone who might be interested they can contact William or James Gill (Chair of the PC).

Dates of meetings:

Tuesday 6 February at 6pm
Tuesday 6 March at 6pm
Tuesday 10 April at 6pm
Tuesday 15 May at 6pm

- Mike will contact the Plough to ask if the meetings can be held there – to be confirmed.