

**Minutes of a meeting of the Over Peover Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
held on Monday March 26th 2018 at The Park Gate Inn at 7:30pm**

Present: Phillip Welsh (Chair)
Glynn Heselwood
John Hehir
Ian Hayes

- 1) Apologies for absence: Becky Marshall.
- 2) Actions arising from the meeting on March 1st 2018.
All actions had been completed satisfactorily.
- 3) Urban Imprint - Village Design Guide.
PW recapped on the progress of the Village Design Statement commissioned through Urban Imprint. Following receipt of the draft Guide a meeting was held with Urban Imprint to discuss the contents. It was agreed that significant changes needed to be made. Following an informal meeting of the NP steering group on March 16th a number of amendments were agreed and details forwarded to Urban Imprint.
- 4) Review of Recommendations from the 'Priorities' Questionnaire.
The group revisited several of the higher rated priorities flagged up by residents to determine whether there is anything that could be undertaken now to progress them.
 - (i) Traffic speed - There is a need to re activate the community speed checks.
 - (ii) Biodiversity - An approach could be made to Cheshire Wildlife Trust to establish what they might recommend and what they would charge to conduct a survey with recommendations. Before doing this however it was agreed it would be sensible to revisit the environmental material produced as part of the Parish Plan Process and in particular the supporting documentation for the Supplementary Planning Document. **Action GH to retrieve the relevant documents**
 - (iii) Superfast Broadband - Those households with 01565 dialling codes are still without decent broadband speed. The Parish Council has been investigating the cost of provision. **Action: IH to establish where things stand to date**
 - (iv) Footpaths and Pavements - It was agreed for the time being probably the only progress that can be made is to survey the existing network bordering the highways to establish where there is overgrowth impeding either pedestrian or vehicular passage. **Action: PW to raise with the Parish Council**
- 5) Funds.
PW informed the Group that the arrangements for funding Neighbourhood Plans had changed and these will apply for the next financial period beginning in April however the maximum grant will remain at £9,000.
The Steering Group must present a post grant review of funding expenditure. **Action: PW & JH**
- 6) Changes to the National Planning Framework (NPF) (Spatial Planning).
PW advised of imminent changes to the NPF however he considered these would not adversely affect the proposed Peover Superior Neighbourhood Plan
- 7) Date and Place of next meeting: As the Group will shortly be meeting with Tom Evans (Cheshire East's Neighbourhood Plan Officer) on April 16th the next formal Group meeting will be determined following discussions with Tom Evans.