

Welland Neighbourhood Plan Forum (“the Forum”)

Minutes of Meeting held 10th August 2023 at The Royalist, Western Avenue, MH

1. Attendees: Susan Garon (SG) **Chair**, Roy Saint (RS) **Vice chair**, Alan Good (AG), Kerry Ward (KW), Bob Bellm (BB), Garry Davies (GD), Ann Morris (AM), Naomi Shaw (NS), Jonathan Shaw (JS), Michelle Odell (MO), Alex Shelton (AS), Tim Claydon (TC), Cathy Brodie (CB), Phil King (PK, County Councillor Market Harborough West & Foxton)
2. **Apologies:** Bruce Durham (BD) , Simon Hobbs, Tracey Foster, Quentin Foster, Catherine Holder, Martin King, Lesley Morgan, David Notter, Linda Pentland (LP), Darren Woodiwiss
3. **Minutes** of last meeting were agreed.

4. **Matters Arising**

Langdale Walk – There appears to be some confusion as to whether the problem is with motor vehicles using Langdale Walk or Rowan Avenue.

Action - BB agreed to raise the matter again with Leicestershire County Council

Arts Centre – remitted to next meeting

Stuart Road Allotments – remitted to next meeting

Designation of Forum – The formal designation process is now complete and the Welland Neighbourhood Forum is now officially recognised.

5. **Updates from sub groups**

Transport – BB updated.

A meeting of the Transport sub-group was held on 11th July 2023.

We discussed the progress made in completing the map of Welland cycling and walking routes and put forward a number of additional ideas. Further work is to be put on hold until we have feedback from LCC about the map format to be used and the level of detail required. A ‘Top 5’ set of our Active Travel proposals has been forwarded to Darren Woodiwiss, after LCC requested HDC councillors to submit details. The five proposals are

- Action on Western Avenue/Farndon Road junction
- Better access into Welland Park from Farndon Road/Welland Park Road roundabout
- Resolution of Charley Close & Measham Close footpath crossings
- A Lubenham Hill cycle way
- Better access route to schools in the ward

A meeting with Gemma Barley (LCC Project Manager for the Market Harborough LCWIP) is arranged for 21st August and will be attended by representatives from all 5 NF’s. **PK** pointed out that this meeting would form part of the LCC Cycling & Walking Routes project.

We have an invitation to a meeting of the Greener Schools Group on 6th September.

We have tried to make contact with The AdamSmile team - if anyone has contact details, please let us know.

It was pointed out that any transport proposals should include public transport. It was also pointed out walking routes etc. should include provision for those with walking difficulties (e.g. the provision of bench seats at regular intervals along any walking routes).

Built Environment – RS updated.

Action – BB & TC offered to help with this sub-group. RS to contact them with information about work done to date.

Social and Community – no update.

Environment – BD was unable to attend but supplied the following written update.

No changes on our Green space and flooding priority statement which is ready to add to a draft WNF priority statement. We have approval via LCC from Anglian Water to get access to the drainage maps so we can understand the drainage process. We need flood wardens in the Welland NF.

6. Harborough Town Hub (HtH) update

No update -

7. AOB

PK gave a number of points of information as follows:

- Specific problems with roads in the ward can be reported directly to LCC via their website (<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-maintenance/report-a-road-problem>).
- There is a similar reporting link on the HDC website (<https://www.harborough.gov.uk/report>)
- **PK** offered to raise specific issues with LCC if individuals contacted him with the necessary information. His email address is phil.king@leics.gov.uk.
- The neighbourhood plan would need to fit within the overall Harborough District Council local plan. This was approved in 2019 and will be revised in 2024. Details of this plan and the Strategic Housing & Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) are available on the HDC website (<https://www.harborough.gov.uk/local-plan>); & https://www.harborough.gov.uk/info/20004/planning_strategy/474/strategic_housing_and_economic_land_availability_assessment_shelaa_2021)

The issue of a communications strategy was raised. It was stated that as wide a variety of communication means need to be used to both gather the opinion of as many people as possible and to secure the support of the whole community for any proposed plans etc. There is a need for someone to take on this communications role including the development of a website that is available through LCC..

Action – review at next meeting when LP is present

A number of attendees wished to receive the minutes of the meetings

Action RS to pass on their contact details to LP

8. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 14th September 2023 5.30pm – 7pm at The Royalist.