

# Medbourne Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee

## Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 20 April 2016

**Present:** Councillor Easton, Councillor Gidley-Wright, Martin Delaney, David Nance, Bernadette Lee (Chair) Graham Thomson (Clerk to the P.C.). Nickie Philbin, Bill Barrie, Caroline Jack, Trevor Pemberton, Meriel Godfrey

In Attendance: Gary Kirk Your Locale

**1. Apologies:** None

**2. Welcome:** The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were made.

**3. Declarations of Interest:** None

**4. Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2016 were accepted as a true record subject to spelling of name

**5. Matters Arising:**

**5.1** BL reported that the Logo was now agreed and would be used on all documentation. We do have the ability to amend but this would be by exception

**5.2** BB confirmed that all individual websites are linked and he would ensure there was a clear link from the village Hall website.

**BB**

**5.3** MG reported that she believes that there will now be momentum on updating information for the website on a regular basis.

**5.4** Deferred to next meeting due to presentation from Your Locale

**6. Public Representations:** There were no matters raised by the 3 members of the public present.

**7. Your Locale – The Way Forward**

Gary Kirk introduced himself, gave a brief overview of Neighbourhood planning and the background of Your Locale, including that of himself and his partner, the number of plans that they are currently working on and the Associates that work for Your Locale on specific issues.

His presentation which will be shared with members and posted on our web page covered a range of issues including:

- The transfer of planning powers to communities
- The opportunity for local people to shape and determine planning policy
- Neighbourhood Plans would have Statutory Force unlike Parish/Village Plans
- Housing is a key part but other important themes include:
  - Housing including types and design
  - Environment
  - Roads
  - Community and Heritage Assets
  - Open Spaces
  - Economy

- Infrastructure
- They must be evidence based
- The process that needs to be followed to achieve a successful plan
- A breakdown of the current evidence available including:
  - Types of housing
  - Housing Design
  - Listed Buildings
  - Designated Open Spaces
  - Potential development sites

Gary Kirk then described the issues that needed to be considered:

- Current Harborough plans are for a range of 9 – 47 new homes in Medbourne
- Are speculative housing applications an issue?
- Does the MNPAC and community wish to identify sites?
- Is the current and future mix of housing right for the community?
- Are there concerns about design?
- Are there “special” open spaces?
- Are there additional buildings that should be protected?
- Are community facilities important and worth safeguarding?
- Is there a need to protect/control economic growth

The next steps were outlined. It was noted that an initial application for funding is underway and will cover all costs of Your Locale.

There was a need to agree the scope of the plan that can be achieved through a visioning exercise. It was agreed that the outline paper produced by Gary Kirk would be shared with members and the subject of discussion on the next agenda

It was noted that significant work on stakeholder contact had taken place but would need to expand and continue as would the gathering of background information

The key areas for further work were developing theme groups and consultation with the community

It was agreed that a small group would work with Bernadette and Gary Kirk to work on the themes and plan the open event

**T G-W CJ  
MG**

It was agreed that the Open event would be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 18 June 2016 from 10.00 to 13.00

**BB**

The slides of the presentation and Visioning paper to be shared with the MNPAC

**DN**

**8. Parish Council Meeting report:** The key issues were:

- The appointment of Gary Kirk
- The MNPAC Logo was approved
- The appointment of 2 more representatives for the MNPAC will be publicised on the village website and a flyer in the Parish Magazine
- The appointment of Bernadette Caffrey as Parish Councillor

9. The meeting closed at 21.00

**Date of next meeting Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 19.30**

**Signed**

**Chair of MNPAC**

**Date**