

Minutes of Redgrave Neighbourhood Plan Working Forum Meeting

Held on Tuesday 26 February 2019 at 7 pm at The Amenities Centre

Those attending: Margaret Roubicek, George Roubicek, Jenny Eason, Pam Hart, Liam McGrath, Helen Migliorato, Kate Andrews, Jon Huckle, John Giddings, Chris Giddings, Mike Denmark, Charley Denmark, Shirley Shepherd, Tony Spouncer, Janet McGill

Apologies: Stephen Eason, Mitch Mitchell, Brian Andrews, Rose-Marie Toward-Lisher, Holly Austen-Davies

1. Charley welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to update the Working Forum on progress made on the Neighbourhood Plan so far and to ask for ideas on the way forward.
2. Charley introduced the Steering Group as Charley Denmark (Chairman), John Giddings (Treasurer), Janet McGill (Secretary), Chris Giddings (Project Manager), Jon Huckle (Researcher) and Shirley Shepherd (to assist Researcher and Secretary).
3. After researching, comparing and analysing many Neighbourhood Plans throughout Suffolk, Norfolk and Herefordshire the Steering Group decided that a Neighbourhood Plan was appropriate for Redgrave to enable us to shape the future development of the parish and the initial form was submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council on 3 December 2018.
4. The Steering Group also met with Lizzie Ling of MSDC to learn about Community Housing Trusts. This would involve the parish buying land, developing and managing the properties built. This will be considered more at a later date.
5. It was decided that One-Drive would be used instead of Dropbox (for all NP files) as Dropbox could become expensive if our quota of space were used up. Chris will send a link to all once it has been set up. She also volunteered to run a session to explain how it works.
6. Chris handed out a draft project plan, which she had written after consultation with LeeAnn (Parish Clerk who has worked for the last two

years on the Botesdale and Rickinghall NP). This will help to guide the group and keep the plan to time.

7. Shirley talked about the Vision and Objectives of the NP. She read out examples of Visions of other Neighbourhood plans and offered a sample one for Redgrave. Liam agreed to have a look at it and come up with an idea for a definitive Vision.
8. The Forum then broke into groups to discuss ideas on how we see the village in 20 years time, what we need to think of when doing the NP and what issues should be raised.

Someone came up with the strap line 'Do you want Redgrave to look like Stowmarket in 20 years time?' as a starter.

Topics suggested were:

- Involving more of the community in the NP
- maintaining a difference /gap between Redgrave and Botesdale
- define what makes Redgrave Redgrave and maintaining the character of the village
- making the development sustainable for the village
- more visible mixing of age groups
- provision of out-of-school social activities
- affordable housing, rent to buy, negotiate types of housing with Llanover to keep the character of the village
- link to Redgrave Fen, considering the environment around the village and protecting it
- Traffic
- Shop
- Pub
- Brewery
- proper village hall and activities therein
- improved playground and playing field
- attracting more young people to the village
- encourage more businesses to move in
- supporting younger family members to be able to live in the village
- more diverse and balanced community
- housing for mobility impaired, enabling elderly to stay in their own homes
- better pavements
- day-time activities for the elderly
- 24 hour lorry survey
- historical village

- friendly community
 - supporting the current business developments
9. The question was raised as to how we get people engaged with the NP. It was suggested that we hold a range of events, do a paper survey, go house to house and talk to residents, especially those with younger families, publicise the Plan at Starwings events and talk to all age groups attending. More thought will be given to this.
 10. There were no entrants for the logo competition which was advertised in the Parish Magazine. Tony volunteered to go on the school bus and talk to the children about it, once an A5 leaflet has been produced explaining what we are looking for.
 11. The Steering Group will be meeting on Thursday 7th March when all the ideas, suggestions etc will be discussed at length. Minutes from this meeting will be posted on Dropbox until we change to One-Drive.
 12. Charley thanked everyone for attending and contributing so constructively to such an informative meeting.

The date of the next meeting of the Working Forum will be emailed to all.