

## **MARKET LAVINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW STEERING GROUP MEETING 26 June 2024 – MINUTE**

**PRESENT:** Tony Archer (TA), Sean Bates (SB), Alan Bond (AB), Richard Clark (RC), Krishna Kumar (KK), Ian Macqueen (IM), Jacky Macqueen (JM), Gerald Milward-Oliver (GMO), Trys Negus (TN), Penny Shearcroft (PS), Cllr Chloe Stevens (CS) (Chair, Market Lavington PC), Cllr Laura Turner-Scott (LTS) (Market Lavington PC), Carol Hackett (CH) (Clerk, Market Lavington PC)

**APOLOGIES:** Lauren Clark

1. As Chair of the PC, CS welcomed everyone to this first meeting of the Steering Group, which will be responsible for conducting a Review of the Market Lavington Neighbourhood Plan and acting on the conclusions of that review.
2. CS emphasised that this is a community exercise, not a Parish Council project. The Parish Council provides administration resource and guidance, but it is essential that this reflects the community both in the way it's progressed as well as in the composition of this Group.
3. Those present then introduced themselves and advised of any particular potential conflicts of interest, particularly in terms of possible future housing development in the village. They included SB (applicant for current scheme of housing/store at The Spring, also with an interest in other parcels of land in the village that are likely to come forward for consideration); TA (son of owner of land at Superior Plants, including site recently sold and now with outline approval for four houses); and PS (owns SHELAA site 3627 off Drove Lane (5.5 acres)).
4. CS invited nominations for Chair of the Group. GMO offered himself as Chair. He was proposed by CS and seconded by LTS. There being no other nominations, he was duly elected as Chair.
5. CS invited nominations for Vice-Chair of the Group. AB offered himself. After discussion, JM also offered herself as Vice-Chair. GMO nominated JM, seconded by RC. There being no other nominations, JM was elected as Vice-Chair.
6. CS then handed over to the new Chair to complete the evening's agenda. GMO proposed the next meeting should not be held until the beginning of September. This was so that he could distribute to all members of the Group by the end of July an electronic folder with all relevant documents relating to the existing plan and the work of the Review. This would allow members to ensure they are able to begin the work of the Group with an understanding of the issues, the processes, timetable etc. It would also allow the dust to settle from the imminent General Election. There was some discussion about the proposed timing, but it was agreed that the second meeting of the Group will be held on **Wednesday 4 September** at 7:00pm, at the Old School.
7. CH advised that a consultant has been appointed by the PC to provide planning and technical support to the Group – and that an application will be submitted shortly for available Government funding to cover the cost of the consultant and other essential resources via Locality (the national membership network supporting local community organisations). It is hoped that approval of the application will be received by the time of the next meeting.
8. The meeting concluded at 7:50pm.

**NB:** Following this meeting, on 27 June Alan Bond advised GMO and CH that he was formally withdrawing from any further involvement in the Neighbourhood Plan Review.