

## Ravensthorpe Village Design Statement Review Group

Minutes of Meeting held 7 Jan 2015

8pm, Manor View Studio

**Present:** Richard Marsh (chair) , Mike Cobbe, Nick Ellison, Cliff Giles, Chris Freeman, Di Hayes, John Mott, Dave Rees, Mary Worthington.

**Apologies:** Yvonne Childs, Ray Gardner, Kay Lee, Viv Rees, Ray Wadlow.

**Minutes** of meeting held on 26 November accepted as accurate record.

### Matters Arising:

*Section drafts:* All but two had been received. **Those concerned please forward to RM asap.** As soon as these are received, **RM** will produce a raw composite document in the "Spratton-style" template and pass it to **MC & JM** to sense-check . There is, understandably, quite a lot of repetition and overlap between sections so this and any obvious errors, omissions etc need to be highlighted.

**Reviewed version to be returned to RM by 2nd Feb** and **RM** will circulate this to the group a week ahead of the next meeting.

*Businesses List :* Viv has started but it is proving difficult to obtain from any one source as many self employed are not listed publically, or want to be in public. **All to obtain as much info as they can for the next meeting,** so that it can be pooled to give an estimate of the numbers.

*Boundaries:* RM has skills & software etc to produce suitable maps for this and other items needing them. MW has access to some old aerial photos which might assist when identifying areas of differing age and character within the village. Buildings outside the village envelope but within the wider parish boundary would be in scope for the document.

*"Special Landscape Area" Designation:* The "saved" 1997 Daventry policies covering this and the Restricted Infill Village status continue to apply for the moment.

The West Northants Joint Core Strategy (JCS) document was finally approved in December and consequently several of the other "saved" Daventry policies have been replaced by JCS policies (list is on p 257-8). With the JCS now in place DDC will go on to review their Local Plan and so some of the remaining 1997 planning policies may change in future.

*Audit trail.* The source for the new document should be the sections copied from the 1999 version and any additions or modifications to the original text need to be noted as we go along and justified/validated. **RM** volunteered to **compile a log** for the work done so far.

**Next Steps:**

The composite draft and review recommendations will be discussed at the next meeting.

We need to identify all remaining items that need updated data, (factual or subjective), to be gathered and we can then consider how best to obtain the data.

**All those who wrote a section to identify such items in their own sections** & send to **RM**, who will circulate a composite list for discussion at the next meeting.

From the above RM suggested we should aim to produce a working draft by early March with a view to being able to start some local consultation in May.

Next meeting: Wed 11 Feb at 8pm, venue TBC but most probably again at Manor View.