

Minutes of VDS Review Group Meeting held on 7 April 2015 at 8.00pm

Present : Mike Cobbe, Chris Freeman, Diane Hayes, John Mott, David Rees, Viv Rees
Apologies: Richard Marsh

Richard was unfortunately unable to get to the meeting due to an injury necessitating a visit to A&E.

Those present agreed there were 2 main items of business: a) improving the draft document so that it is ready for presentation to the Village meeting in May.
b) preparing for the meeting on 16th May.

a) It was agreed that the majority of NE's comments should be applied to the draft. There was discussion about how sustainability should be included in the new draft. JM had contacted Northants Wildlife Trust about bio diversity and had been told that there is no easily accessible data on Ravensthorpe at present. There would be a charge of £90 an hour for accessing what there is. Next year they plan to do more surveys and it was agreed that we should volunteer to help with anything done in Ravensthorpe. In respect of sustainability it was suggested that we leave this section until later possibly in discussion with DDC. Other comments made - there was discussion about the number of businesses and the classification of them It was agreed that more general comments would be preferable. DH volunteered to help with final editing having pointed to some possibly clumsy phrasing and potential areas for re-phrasing.

VR reported that her discussion with RM indicated that he is willing to work on the final draft so it was agreed that this be suggested to RM and that he should feel free to call on assistance..

b) VR reported that the Village Hall is booked from 11am on the 16th May and that the meeting is scheduled for 2pm. We aim to have a working draft with photos. RM has suggested leading a tour of the village presenting aspects of the VDS en route and then returning to the Village Hall for comments and a Q&A.

The draft would be set up on display boards which VR will supply.

CF agreed to liaise with RM regarding photos

DH and MW agreed to coordinate refreshments.

Date of next meeting 29th April 8pm.