

**Sellindge Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 at 7pm**

**in the Durling Hall, at the Village Hall**

**1. Welcome and apologies**

Present 10 – which included members of the Steering Committee, members of the public and Parish Councillors.

Apologies received from 1 person.

**2. Minutes of last meeting (held on 31st March 2025)**

The AECOM draft report has been received and members of the Steering Group agreed to make comments and pass to JB by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June. The report has been uploaded to Dropbox and individuals who have requested it have been sent a PDF copy via email.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were then approved.

**3. Revised draft report of NHP presented by JB**

JB presented a slide show on the revised draft of the NHP. The group reviewed the draft plan and several areas were identified for further amendments. It was agreed that JB would compile the list of policies towards the front of the document and that these would also be listed against the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Going forward it was proposed that a simple summary document could be created for the Public Consultation Process which in particular lists the proposed policies and that access to the full documents could be made available to view at the Parish Council office or the Village Hall.

It was proposed to create a graph to better display the growth in local population since the completion (and proposed completion of “New” developments) as the Census information is not representative of current village population statistics. It is proposed to ask FDHC for a more up to date list of housing / population statistics from the period 2011 up to date.

A discussion of Policy SE6 the Landscape and Ecology Management plans centred around the data received from the University of Sheffield and the need to get better accountability from developers. The suggestion to incorporate the need for early-stage planting in plans and to add in timing requirements was agreed.

A discussion on Policy SCF1 resulted in a redraft of the proposals which stressed the importance of the current location of the Village Hall and that any improvement would consider the changing needs of the facilities required as Sellindge grows. Based on the agreement that the current location of the Village Hall is ideal, Policy SCF1 was removed.

Discussion then moved onto the Aecom draft report and although the majority of the Steering Group had yet to review the document JB shared his view that he felt the document layout needs to be altered so that the Character areas should be moved to the front of the document.

The Coalescence elements of the document were discussed with a question as to whether this should apply to other areas of the village and not just the Otterpool end. BE is to create a better map of anti-coalescence with the Otterpool area and JB is to consider how to expand the anti-coalescence section to the rest of the village.

In anticipation of the Steering group supplying further comments on the Aecom draft JB is going to circulate his view of which parts of the document should be read and in which order.

In the light of Aecom design comments being submitted back to JB by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June, JB will then supply a new timeline for document revision, FDHC document submission and proposed timing to start the Public Consultation Process. JB will also prepare a proposed expenditure plan to allow for the next stage of grant request by the Parish Council.

#### **Date of next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting of this Group will provisionally take place on **Monday 7th July at 7pm** – however this date may be subject to change.

#### **4. Meeting close**

The meeting closed at 8.42pm