

Bredenbury Neighbourhood Plan Renew

Steering Group Minutes

20th May 2025

Present: Ian Culley (Consultant), Vicky Hancock, John Hulse, Pete Jones, Ronnie Leighton, Becca Libby,

Jane Piggott, Jennie Piggott

Apologies: Huw Burton

- Introductions and welcome to members
- JH gave a brief resume' of the status of the current Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and the reason for renewal. Parishes with plans that are five years old and upwards could be vulnerable to speculative development in light of the increased housing target for Herefordshire. Noted the Herefordshire Council (HC) position. They are unable to offer their support on various aspects this time (e.g SEA & HRA) although we have Spencer Ward as our HC link person. Locality Grant funding is expected although there are currently no details available. There is an expectation that Govt funding will be available.
- IC acknowledged the Parish Council had agreed to refresh the NP. The previous plan, although never having been adopted by HC, was relatively up to date. IC referred to the project plan he has developed which outlined the time frame for this work and the various stages to be undertaken.
 - Two year time span
 - Light touch approach
 - Call for sites
 - Settlement boundary
- Initial stage will be to ensure the vision is still relevant through:
 - Raising awareness in the community
 - What is the place we want it to be?
 - Priority and Objectives of the plan
 - Reviewing existing evidence during summer '25
 - Getting consensus in the community
- Stage 2 Consultation Autumn '25
 - HC to consult relevant parties e.g. services, transport etc
 - Consider responses
- Stage 3 Updated plan submitted spring '26
 - HC to do own consultation on our plan
- Stage 4 Examiner produces report
- Stage 5 Referendum – HC adopt Plan

General Discussion

- 1st meeting current situation
- Look at existing vision for the area
- Feedback
- Steering Group meetings to be published and can be open meetings
- Encourage engagement to keep people interested
- Initial survey early June then feedback to look at priorities
- What had happened as a result of the current NP
- What aspects should be included this time? Dark skies/electric charging points/communication infrastructure
- Could NP protect farmland – grey belt development?

Next meeting Tuesday 3rd June 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.45pm