

OLD SOMERBY PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Meeting

Monday 7 January 2019 7pm

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Cllr V Lowndes (Chairman), T. Jonason, V. Stephens, C. Wilson, C. Skelton. Steering Group: Nigel Ord, Peter Burrows, Gordon Thompson, Betty North, David Holmes together with Consultant R. Keith.
28 Members of the public.

WELCOME AND PRESENTATION: Cllr Lowndes welcomed everyone and explained the purpose of the meeting and then showed on screen a Presentation explaining what a Neighbourhood Development Plan entailed, the background and process to the making of our local plan; its purpose and the next steps to be taken leading finally to a local Referendum. The current Pre-Submission Consultation had commenced on 22 November 2018 and would end on 31 January 2019. Everyone was encouraged to send in a Response. Forms had been made available directly to all parishioners with Posters exhibited throughout the parish together with a display at the Fox and Hounds Public House with copies of the Draft NDP and response forms available.

There were several questions raised by members of the public which were answered by the Consultant with other comments from Steering Group members. The questions covered such areas as: the weight attached to a NDP; why the period 2018-2036 had been chosen; the existing and the emerging Local Plan from the SKDC; current planning applications; current infra-structure issues; the Community Aspirations listed at page 58 in the Draft NDP: Several members of the public took hard copies of the local Draft NDP.

FINANCE: The Chairman explained funds were low and gave the reasons which mainly involved the costs of recent elections and those associated with a previous clerk. The present clerk is not claiming a salary but any future clerk would. There would therefore be an increase in the Precept which the Parish Council received from the SKDC. This would result in a small monthly increase in local council tax bills for residents. It was explained that there was no other way to raise finance for the Parish Council's depleted funds.

LITTER PICKING: The Parish Clerk asked for volunteers to help with litter picking around the parish which continued to be a real problem. He thanked some volunteers who had for many years given valuable service in this respect but who for various reasons were not now able to continue. There was a good response and a meeting of the current and new volunteers would be set up.

Everyone was thanked for their attendance and the meeting closed.