Gotherington NDP Steering Group Meeting Minutes

10:00am on Monday 3rd August 2015 at David’s house

Present: David Ward, David Hearn, Howard Samuels, Paul Hughes, Phil Aplin, Iain Angus

Apologies: Caroline Ryman

David W stated that much data-entry had been completed, but the number of critical e-mails received concerning Moat Farm had become personal and unjustified. He asked that the persons involved be told to refrain from sending emails of this sort as the GNDP should not be biased to any one site. This subject may be raised during meetings on Tuesday 11th August. **David H**

David told the group that 142 site option forms had been completed so far, and these were divided as follows:- Option 1 : 23, Option 2: 42, Option 3: 77. It was agreed that we needed to keep the exhibition display in the Village Shop until Monday 10th August to allow people taking their holidays to take part, at which stage the option selected by the residents of Gotherington should be clear.

David said that there were many comments from people who had read the draft GNDP and these needed to be recorded in a meaningful manner. **Howard** agreed to take on this task.

Since Option 3 appears to be the one selected, **David W and Paul** will revisit Hocken’s farm as soon as possible to inform them of this likely option and confirm their agreement to development on their two sites. **Phil** will make a similar visit to the landowners of sites 1 and 12. **Paul** to arrange visit.

The SG discussed the situation regarding Lioncourt, who had sent a letter stating that they had recalculated the site assessment scorings. It was agreed that **Phil** would propose a suitable letter to be sent to them stating that we were satisfied with the Kirkwell assessments.

A leaflet giving the main details of the formal GNDP document (complete with actual designated sites) and all the main conclusions in précis form, will be prepared for a letterbox drop throughout the village. **Phil, Iain and David W** to prepare suggestions for this leaflet.

**David** will send the current GNDP to TBC to enable them to appreciate the stage we have reached, and in preparation for the formal document to be prepared by Kirkwells shortly – with a new front cover.

The need for improved advertising was discussed and it was agreed that we continue to use the website, Facebook and posters to inform the village. **David W** will update the website.

An Affordable Housing policy was discussed, including report issued by Howard and Phil’s notes taken from TBC’s suggestions on affordable housing for the Raspberry Field. **Howard** agreed to combine these and ask Kirkwells to produce a suitable policy that conformed to guidelines.

A Biodiversity Policy was also discussed and **Phil** agreed to send his report on biodiversity to Kirkwells.

**Phil** confirmed that the costs of this additional work by Kirkwells will be adequately covered by grants, etc.

The next meeting to confirm the selected option and report on the actions above, was agreed to be at **Phil**’s house on Tuesday 11th August at 10:00am. **David W** will email Caroline to check her availability.

David Ward 03/08/15