

**MINUTES OF THE GROBY PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP MEETING
HELD IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE, LEICESTER ROAD, GROBY
ON MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2024 COMMENCING AT 7 PM**

Present: Mark Griffin (Chair) Cllr G Baker Katy Groom
Cllr T Hollick Nigel Studd

Also present: Parish Clerk
Colin Wilkinson – Plan-it X

GPNSG/296 Chairman’s Welcome
The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

GPNSG/297 Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received from Cllr C Lincoln, Cllr N Clarke, Peter Griggs and Anita Mullins

GPNSG/298 To receive any Declarations of Interest
Cllr Hollick declared an interest as a member of HBBC Planning Committee

GPNSG/298 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2024
It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2024 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

GPNSG/299 To review the initial draft Neighbourhood Plan and agree to submit to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council for Environmental Assessment
An update was provided on the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council Local Plan. HBBC plan to carry out the Local Plan Consultation (Regulation 18) in June 2024. It is expected that the Local Plan will include a housing provision for neighbouring areas and that there will be a housing allocation.

It was **AGREED** that the Groby Parish Neighbourhood Plan should carry on regardless of the Local Plan.

Policy G12: The Klondyke was discussed, and appropriate wording put forward. Colin Wilkinson advised that it was a high-level policy and did not require a lot of detail. Further to discussion, Colin Wilkinson agreed to re-work the Policy wording to incorporate the Steering Group’s comments.

The Steering Group continued to work through the draft Neighbourhood Plan and amendments were **AGREED** for Section 8.4, 8.16 and 10.17.

The initial review of the draft Neighbourhood Plan was completed, and it was **AGREED** for Colin Wilkinson to make the amendments as agreed at the meeting and for the draft Plan to be submitted to HBBC for Environmental Assessment.

GPNSG/300 To discuss and agree on a Vision Statement
A vision statement for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan was discussed. The Vision Statement was **AGREED** as: “To enhance community well-being through responsible and sustainable development while protecting nature and our woodland parish character.”

Signed:.....
Steering Group Chair

GPNPSG/301 To discuss and confirm the final list of potential local heritage assets

General agreement of the final list of potential local heritage assets had been reached in August 2022 however it was advised that 8 of the assets listed had significant gaps in their justification for inclusion on the list.

The 8 potential local heritage assets were discussed in turn, and it was **AGREED** for 3 assets to remain on the final list:

- War Memorial at Groby
- 56 Leicester Road
- Memorial on Stamford Park

And **AGREED** for 5 assets to be removed from the final list:

- Brookvale Cottages, Ratby Road
- UK Gas – 13 Leicester Road
- Large block of concrete
- Grey Lodge Farm and Cottages, Slate Pit Lane
- Groby Lodge, Slate Pit Lane

GPNPSG/302 To discuss and confirm the final list of local green spaces

General agreement of the shortlist of local green spaces had been agreed in June 2023 and the Chair advised that additional work had since been carried out to tidy up the proformas and redraw some of the boundaries.

The proformas of 6 of the local green spaces on the shortlist were identified as weak and these were listed as: Orchard Close Allotments; St Phillip & St James' Churchyard; Bluebell Drive Amenity Green Space; Land at Leicester Road and Bluebell Drive; Foxglove Drive Amenity Green Space and Land at Link Rise and Ratby Lane.

The 6 'weak' local green spaces were discussed in turn, and it was **AGREED** that there was enough justification for all 6 local green spaces to remain on the final list.

GPNPSG/303 To discuss and shortlist the locally important views

This agenda item was deferred to the next meeting

GPNPSG/304 To agree a date and time for the next meeting

The date of the next meeting is to be held on Thursday 7th March 2024 at 7 pm.

The Meeting closed at 9 p.m.