

ORCOP PARISH COUNCIL
NOTES OF THE NDP STEERING GROUP MEETING

Thursday 6 February 2020

10.30hrs

at

Orcop Parish Hall

Present: Margaret Serle [Chair], Mick Murphy, Margaret Bowen, Barry Shaw, Dot Shaw, Mark Hearne (Parish Clerk) and David Nicholson (Planning Consultant)

Apologies: Peter Garratt and Graham Bowen

1. Declarations of Interest – None.
2. Notes from the last NDP Steering Group Meeting [SG] on 18 November 2019 were accepted.

Update on Questionnaire

3. Of the 200 questionnaires issued at the beginning of January 2020 it was reported by the clerk that 63 completed forms had been returned. There was disappointment over the response rate and David Nicholson made the point that using the postal service tended to produce lower response rates. In reviewing the approach agreed by the Steering Group there was debate about the household versus resident option and it was agreed that for statistical purposes David Nicholson would frame his analysis on the basis that it was household survey resulting in a -response rate of 32%. SG members pointed out that each household questionnaire was probably a joint response by more than one resident, thus replies [by numbers of people] are more representative than might initially appear.
4. It was agreed that every effort should be taken to encourage households to submit a completed questionnaire and reminders will be posted on village noticeboards, website and orcop-alive etc.
5. David Nicholson suggested that the Steering Group wait until the end of February before submitting the completed spreadsheet and comments form in order to capture any late questionnaires. David Nicholson also asked that a blank questionnaire be forwarded to him.

Evidence Base and Strategic Policies (Table 3)

6. David Nicholson briefed the meeting on the various strands of local evidence which will inform the draft NDP. There was recognition that the NDP would need to reflect the Core Strategy which currently promotes Orcop and Orcop Hill as the settlement boundaries despite their well-known constraints/unsuitability as sites for future development. The Steering Group members supported David Nicholson's advice that it would be preferable to

defer any dialogue with Herefordshire Council on this issue until the Housing Delivery report had been drafted. This will ensure that the Steering Group have documented evidence to present to Herefordshire Council.

Parish Plan

7. It was noted that the Parish Plan was published some 30 years ago.

Next Steps

8. To allow time for any late questionnaires it was agreed that the clerk forward the spreadsheet and comments form to David Nicholson at the end of February 2020. Using this information David Nicholson will carry out the analysis and discuss the findings with the Steering Group; this will take place on the 23 April 2020. A public meeting will follow in early summer where residents will be briefed by David Nicholson on the outcome of the questionnaire followed by a Q&A. It was also agreed that Margaret Serle would forward the SG visits to landowners "call for sites" information to David Nicholson.

Date of Next Meeting

9. The next meeting of the Steering Group will take place on 23 April 2020 starting at 10.30 and will be held in the Parish Hall.