

Eaton Neighbourhood Plan

Meeting Minutes



Date:	Mon 9th October 2017 – 19:30
Location:	Eaton Plough
Attendees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Steve Waltho (SW) ➤ Tamsin MaCormack (TM) ➤ Neil Thorpe (NT) ➤ John Bradburn (JB)
Apologies:	➤ Andy Mitchell (AM)
Guest attendee:	➤ Tom Evans - Cheshire East (TE)
Minutes completed by:	Neil Thorpe

Agenda item	Points discussed
Welcome	<p>Welcome and thanks were expressed for attending. Apologies were declared from Andy Mitchell.</p> <p>The group discussed how they were going to discuss relevant points of interest with guest attendee Tom Evans from Cheshire East Council, in the short time before he arrived.</p>
Review of previous meeting	<p>All actions from the last meeting were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attempt to invite a representative from Cheshire East Council to discuss and agree a way forward, including support for funding. Now completed through Steve and Tamsin, and Tom invited for today's meeting • All feedback and update accordingly regarding their progress on drafting sections for the Plan. Done at today's meeting • Review any quotes from the 3 local agencies regarding a Landscape Plan. To be discussed within today's meeting
Formal meeting with Cheshire East Neighbourhood Plan Manager Tom Evans.	<p>Tom thanked the group for his invitation and their work produced thus far within the project. He was updated on the current stage of the process that the ENP group are involved in.</p> <p>Tom advised that once completed that the Plan should be reviewed every 4 or 5 years and be modified where appropriate to reflect any recent developments or changes within the Plan boundary.</p> <p>He continued to stress the importance of writing a Housing Policy for our Plan which should have key criteria outlined. This would be helpful as it</p>

	<p>will clearly outline any new developments that may or may be allowed into the area, including any potential site allocations. We need to have a methodology for such selection purposes, in which we identify a defined set of criteria as to which types and locations of potential development the residents would allow into the Plan boundary, if any at all.</p> <p>Tom advised that in early 2018 the Cheshire East Council will publish updated housing needs numbers, although this should not be too dissimilar to the current ones published. It is unlikely that there will be high numbers in the category that relates to Eaton – ‘Rural and other areas’ moving forward.</p> <p>Discussions were held around the proposed Congleton Link Road and how a green gap should be maintained between the village and the edge of Congleton. A landscape survey would support this theme and we should aim to promote this within our NP. Tom also suggested liaising with village residents to identify further green areas that people would like to preserve within the boundary.</p> <p>Tom recommended that it would be pertinent to liaise with tarmac regarding a restoration Plan and exit strategy for the Quarry site within the Plan boundary.</p> <p>John then presented Tom with a copy of a Housing needs assessment for the ENP area and feedback was sought. There are 36 000 homes planned for development before 2030 in the whole of Cheshire East and this could be increased to 38 185 if needed. John explained how he had calculated how this could relate to potential numbers within the area of Eaton if the formula was to be replicated. Tom agreed with John that this would produce relatively low numbers for Eaton.</p> <p>‘E-scape’ was recommended by Tom as a Landscape architect that could be utilised to provide advice.</p> <p>Tom was thanked for his time and advice provided during this meeting.</p>
Next steps	<p>We agreed that at (or before) the next meeting we would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attempt to source a Landscape architect to help us with the next steps of our Plan • Liaise with Cheshire Community Action • Aim to source funding by December 2017. • Aim to carry out a Landscape walk around the NP to identify potential points of interest.
Date of next meeting	Weds 8 th November 2017, at The Plough.

