

DODDERHILL NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT GROUP MEETING (1)

Recommendations will be put to the Parish Council on the 1st April 2019 following an initial NDP meeting held on 19th March 2019.

Present: D Webb (DPC Representative), N Farress (DPC Clerk), N O'Leary (Resident), N Edge (Resident)

Apologies: A Moseley (Resident)

Background Information:

1. Neighbourhood Development Plans are a tool to allow communities to shape the place that they live and focus on land use policy. NDPs cannot be used to tackle non land use issues such as dog fouling and speeding for example.
2. NDPs must align to the wider district local plan, in our case the South Worcestershire Development Plan, and be approved by Wychavon DC before going on to external inspection.
3. As the SWDP is going through a review, this will impact on the NDP process and early engagement with WDC is key.
4. NDPs cannot be used to stop development but can influence the location, type, scale and design of new developments in Dodderhill.
5. A Neighbourhood Development Plan Group can be made up of residents and Councillors but the Parish Council must sign off on the main elements of the Plan. The NDP Group will have specific responsibilities as laid out in its Terms of Reference which will be agreed by the Parish Council. The NDP Group would produce notes and reports of their activities which will be made available to the public.
6. A planning consultant will need to be engaged to advise on the technical aspects of the Plan and funding is available (up to £9000) to help with the cost of this support.
7. Early and regular contact with the Planning Policy team at WDC is essential to producing a Plan that the District Council will approve and endorse.
8. The Parish Council are low on numbers at the moment with a number of other projects in the wings involving significant funding opportunities, and this may impact on the ability of the Parish Council to apply resources to the NDP. It is therefore important to have an effective NDP Group involving residents who can take on the majority of the work involved in producing the Plan for their Parish.

Following the meeting, it was agreed that the recommendations below will be put to the Parish Council for decision on the 1st April 2019.

1. That the Parish Council apply to have Dodderhill designated as the NDP area and apply for funding to support the work of the NDP Group, including a planning adviser to provide technical advice and guidance;
2. That an NDP Group be officially formed and its Terms of Reference be drawn up for consideration at a subsequent meeting;
3. That a public event be held in late May/June to recruit more interested residents to the NDP Group and provide further information to the public about the process.

In the meantime, a Residents' Group would start to look at the introductory narrative to the Plan and potential residents' survey questions and format.