

Masham Neighbourhood Plan (MNP) Steering Group

**Meeting at 7.00pm 8th July 2019
Border House**

MINUTES

Present: Chair- Paul Theakston (PT), Mark Cunliffe-Lister (MCL), Neil Pickard (NP), Flo Grainger (FG), Graham Jameson (GJ), Lucy Scott-Paul (LSP), Georgia Stansfield (GS) James Wilson (JW), Nigel Simms (NS)

Apologies: Chris I'Anson (CI), Richard Mawer (RM)

Membership

- Rhona Pringle is too busy to join the group but is happy to provide her expertise / opinion when required.
- Nigel Simms has joined the group and attended his first meeting, and the group would like to thank him for joining the group.

Website:

A draft version of the website had been provided by Jan Reed to all members for comment:

NP suggested a header picture of Masham and **FG** agreed to find / take a suitable picture. The black buttons across the picture were felt unnecessary, with the top buttons needing highlighting.

It was agreed that the MNP and MPC websites should be merged with the possibility that the Masham Market website would also be merged in the future.

It was thought that a sensible aim would be to have the website up and running in one months' time ready for **GS/JW** to upload documents as made available.

There did not appear to be a consensus for the need for secure areas as it was felt that all information held was to be freely available to the public.

Establishment & Constitution:

PT will draft a Constitution & Aims and Objectives document for the group to be presented and discussed at the next meeting and made available for publishing on the website.

Evidence and Documentation

The Executive Summary of Masham Combined Parishes Appraisal 1992 was to be scanned by **JW** and emailed to all members and would form part of the documentation added to the website.

Questionnaire

PT suggested the creation of the first town questionnaire and group members were tasked with researching and preparing suitable questions for the next meeting.

GS offered to manage the questionnaire process by use of digital forms such as 'Survey Monkey' and physical documentation, but she would require the questions to be prepared for her.

Further Discussions

GJ questioned the purpose of the MNP, the danger of possibly regurgitating currently available planning policies and possible conflicts between interested parties which may be highlighted. After wide discussion the consensus appeared to be to eventually target Mashams' three most important issues to ensure clarity and depth to the vision rather than a broad-brush approach trying to incorporate every issue. The consensus among members seemed agreeable. Ongoing discussion is likely.

MCL volunteered to contact a possible speaker to attend the group to talk about forms of social and affordable home ownership to help with the groups understanding of what is available.

Date of next meeting: Monday 23rd September at 7pm in Border House Teas.