

**LYONSHALL NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN STEERING GROUP**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2013, 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Lyonshall**

**Present:** Peter Broadbent (PB), Ron Addis (RA), Kinsey Hern (KH), John Parker (JP), Isobel Hutton (IH), Kate Lomax (KL), Richard Oliver (RO).

**108. Apologies** were accepted from Dee Wetherill (DW). Mr Edward Bannister (TB), Herefordshire Council was unable to attend and sent his apologies.

**109. Minutes & Matters arising** – Minutes of the meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> January were agreed & signed. Matters arising:

- RA will request the latest census figures for Lyonshall from Herefordshire Council
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> questionnaire format was discussed but no consensus was reached. It was generally agreed that the format may resolve itself during the process of synthesising the information from the 1<sup>st</sup> questionnaire and focus groups.

**110. Herefordshire Council Core Strategy**

Responses agreed:

- The special status of communities with NDPs was not consistently recognised.
- It was commented that the document seems overly long at 239 pages compared with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) at around 50.
- Open Countryside does not seem to be defined. The Upper Eden Valley Rule is “If you can see 3 houses from the site it is not Open Countryside and you may build local, not necessarily affordable, housing”.
- The Strategy must make it easy to see what power has been devolved to community level and must make it easy to see how it matches the NPPF and the Localism Act.

Other issues raised to be born in mind were:

- Community Infrastructure Levy amount – there is a consultation by Herefordshire Council
- Quarries
- Traveller sites
- Lyonshall as part of Herefordshire/ the effect of a Hereford bypass on the parish.
- The proposed growth of Leominster

PB will discuss the following items with TB:

- The timescale for the development of the NDP to fit in with the Core Strategy.
- He will seek his support for our responses.
- Can our plan go to the Examiner before the Council has given its final approval to the Core Strategy or do we have to wait until the Core Strategy has received Government approval? We need to know so we can re-jig our plan of actions.

**111. A 'Vision for Lyonshall'**

There was discussion about the need for a second questionnaire but it was generally recognised that it was part of our terms of reference and it is more democratic giving everyone an opportunity to be involved.

Agreed that:

- A Vision for Lyonshall and what the NDP should seek to achieve is beginning to evolve.
- There should be a Public Meeting as a preliminary to 2<sup>nd</sup> Questionnaire.
- We should knock on doors after the 2<sup>nd</sup> questionnaire to get as many responses as possible.

**112. Focus Group Reports**

The chair thanked everyone for the useful and interesting reports. He asked Focus Group leaders to encapsulate their reports into a sentence or two by the end of next week. He would then draw them together in a Vision of what the NDP might sensibly achieve by the end of the 25 to 30 years of the NDP.

**113. Future Meetings**

- a. Steering Group – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April (Provisional, if needed)
- b. Herefordshire Council 'NDPs 1 Year on meeting' – 25<sup>th</sup> April, PB will attend & will welcome support.
- c. Parish Council – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm

**114. AOB** – None