Minutes of the NNP working group meeting 6th Oct. '26

Present. PP. DT. HB .RW. Apologies for absence. LS. LE. & DB

1. PP presented a general update on the revised NPPF [Aug. 26] and because of its complexity it was decided that all members of the team should be sent a link to the document. PP focused on the new ways of considering planning applications and the impact it would have on our Revised Plan. The removal of BUABs and the introduction of Settlement boundaries is a key change. Within the SB there is now a presumption in favour sustainable development and development outside of the SB will not be permitted. Issue is what constitutes a settlement and does the settlement boundary change every time new dwellings are built? PP to seek advice from Babergh
2. Update from Chris Bowden. Aug. 26. Existing NNP policies to be triaged and assessed to ensure they reflect the new NPPF and other relevant documentation. Both NEWT.P1 & NEWT P2 need attention as does NEWT 7 as it relates to Climate change and Biodiversity which has a high priority in the new NPPF. CB will offer further advice and guidance at a Zoom meeting Oct 13th..
3. Babergh Call for Sites. To date, Babergh has not offered any further update on this very important matter. It was hoped the update would be given by the end of Sept,.26. but unfortunately, it now looks it won't be issued until Nov/Dec.26.
4. Draft changes to NNP. Dave Crimmin has agreed to author the necessary changes to the document which will be extremely helpful. CB will author all national documentation and maps. Working group to focus on updating NEWT 7 which should include the recent renovation of the village ponds. PP has produced a draft Foreword paragraph.
5. Next steps and consultation with village. As no update has been received on Babergh's Call for Sites it was agreed that the proposed Village meeting should be postponed. It is hoped we can organise a meeting or provide feedback to villagers before Xmas.
6. Action Plan. A. PP to send links to new NPPF to all working party members. B Zoom meeting 13th Oct with CB. C Team to review NEWT 7 individually but sharing drafts electronically. Completion date 27th Nov. D, PP to provisionally book VH for village meeting before Xmas. .
7. Date of next meeting. TBC by PP after liaising with group.