

Minutes of Abberley Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, 27 September 2017

Present: Kate Andrew; Ning Kedwards, Meryl Roberts, Libby Tassell; Mac MacBeth; Rachel Pallett

Apologies: Jim Gibson; Godfrey Crompton; Catherine Knight; Ben Campbell

Declaration of financial interest: None

Minutes of last meeting: Accepted

Discussion of questionnaire data:

- 118 responses from all age groups, considered a good turn out!
- Not so much representation from the under 35s
- Some common/repeated themes included
 - Lots of long-terms residents
 - Strong desire to stay in Abberley
 - Views, countryside and open spaces very highly valued
 - Strong opposition to development that fundamentally changes the character of the village (no appetite to turn Abberley into a small town)
 - The car is relied upon for transport
 - More public transport options would be of interest
 - High proportion of people working from home (self-employed, own businesses and employees)
 - Faster and more reliable broadband and mobile phone signal needed
 - Improvements to pavements, footpaths, upkeep of hedges cited frequently
 - A significant interest in getting playground, sports facilities and also allotments
 - Large variations in perceptions of community (activities/spirit/feeling/communication/things to do)

One idea resulting from discussion of the last point was to add a more informative 'what's on' guide to the Parish magazine, raising the profile of local events and groups and inviting newcomers.

Next steps

- Seek more participation from the under 35s by re-sending the link and reminding recipients that all family members are invited to complete. **Action Ning Kedwards** – this resulted in responses rising to 144
- When the survey closes, ensure the data is saved. Action: **Ning Kedwards**
- First draft of text needs writing for the NP. **Action: working group leads to organise their individual sections aiming for a rough first draft for the next meeting.**
- Recirculate desired template for reference. **Action: Kate Andrew**

- Learning walk photos and narrative need collating and circulating. **Action: Catherine Knight (text) and Jim Gibson (photos)**

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- The NP steering committee authorised the following payment to be made: Survey Monkey data capture & management services for the period 6 June - 5 October 2017 inclusive, to be reimbursed to Ning Kedwards. Amount £107.

Next meeting date changed to 1st November, venue TBC depending on availability of committee room