



# Ruishton and Thornfalcon Neighbourhood Plan Meeting of Project Team

## Notes of meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Present:** Steering group members – Mike Marshall (MM), Jim Claydon (JCI), Roy Bulgin (RB), Doug Lowe (DL), Dave Duke (DD) and Catherine Faulkner (Neighbourhood Plan Administrator)

Other volunteers: Bridget Dickinson (BD), Andrew Lukes (AL), Susan Sherry (SS), Judy Cottrell (JCot), Mike Hellings (MH), Stewart Thorne (ST), John Capstick (JCap)

### **1. Apologies**

Ian Tucker (IT), Jasmine Riches (JR)

Also invited but sent apologies: Sarah Capstick (SCap)

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Jim Claydon declared a general interest as he is the Chair of CCS (Community Council for Somerset).

### **3. Notes of the last meeting**

It was agreed that the notes of the last meeting (2/10/18) were accurate.

- a) The Administrator to review the flood maps with the consultant – actioned and included in Key Issues Report
- b) JCI to pull together the work on the draft policies from this meeting and produce a first draft – see agenda item 4.

### **4. Workshop Policy Development**

JCI explained that he had collated all the work previously undertaken on policy development and produced the draft policies document which had been circulated prior to the meeting. A sheet of questions was then circulated to each project group. The question included asking the topic groups to review the description following the objective, see if they felt the policies should be in a different order, confirm the wording of the policies and that they will achieve the Objective and address the issues.

SS asked how much detail needed to be include within the policies. She is aware that other groups are doing work in the parish ie reviewing biological corridors and asked whether their work could be used. JCI confirmed that their work can be used but we will need to refer to those documents in our Plan. **Action:** All Project Team members to forward additional evidence/documents from other organisations to the Administrator so that it can be appropriately referenced.

It was explained that once the changes from this workshop had been incorporated into the policies document, the draft policies will be presented to the March 2019 Parish Council meeting for their ratification.

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## **5. Update A358, Jct 25, Nexus**

### A358 update

The group were advised that the decision by Highways England (HE) on the route of the A358 is due to be announced in Spring 2019 which may be one of the existing options, or a merged route. HE will be setting up a Community Forum which will be a group of locally interested groups. The Parish Council will be invited to sit on the Community Forum.

### Jct 25

A contractor has been appointed and SCC will be starting the work shortly. The contractor will not be named until February 2019. It is intended to do the work in conjunction with the work relating to Creech Castle which is a 2-year project. The Parish Council has no say in the traffic management during the project period.

### Nexus

This project is dependant on the work on junction 25. It can not open fully until all the road works have been completed. It was commented on that when SS read the environmental impact report on Jct 25, there was no mention of water run-off etc and a potential impact further downstream.

## **6. Project Plan review**

The Administrator explained that the Project Plan had been turned pink from January 2019 onwards as it was not possible to predict the timeline until a decision is made on the A358 as this may impact on tasks and timescales.

## **7. Next Steps/Any Other Business**

JC suggested reading the Leveller magazine. She explained that it is a free magazine which covers Somerset matters.

JCI explained that he will be pulling together the evidence gathered through the NP group on the roads within our Parish. This can then be used by the Parish Council as evidence at the HE Community forum. He explained that the information gathered is the best evidence we can have to bid for money to support we may wish to have undertaken around the A358.

## **8. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be set once the decision on the A358 is made.

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