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**MINUTES OF A STEERING GROUP MEETING**   
**held on Thursday 10th September 2015   
at 7.30pm in The Blackbourne**

**Present:** Marian Abbott, Julie Cole,Peter Dow, Peter Edmonds, Mary Feeney, Peter Goodridge,   
 Sarah Mansel (Ch.), Ann Richards, Julia Taber.

**Guests:** Gillian Benjamin of CAS, David Sparkes of MSDC, Duncan Merren of MSDC

1 Apologies were noted from Philip Blissett, Terry Garner, Fred Pallett, Shaun Pratt   
 & Jane Storey.

2 The Chairman welcomed guests from Mid Suffolk, David Sparkes from Planning Policy  
 and Duncan Merren from the Communities Team, together with Gillian Benjamin from  
 Community Action Suffolk.

3 The minutes of the last meeting, held on 18th August, were agreed as a true record.

4 There were no matters arising from the Minutes and not dealt with as an Agenda item.

5 Feedback was received re:  
5.1 INTRODUCTIION:  
 The draft from Julie was noted and met with unanimous approval.  
 5.1.1 Julie confirmed that she had spoken with Jane Ash at the School and  
 put her in the picture regarding pupil capacity being reached by 2018.   
 This is not considered to be a Governor issue. Julie to try again to  
 encourage liaison and let the school have the youth questionnaire  
 results and household questionnaire results as they relate to the  
 School. Also to approach Robert Feakes at SCC as recommended by  
 Peter D & Gillian.  
 Generally agreed that this will become a site specific allocation issue  
 and David Sparkes suggested that the Call For Sites feedback will be  
 published within 3 weeks

5.2 CONTEXT & GENERAL DATA:   
 Agreed to add employment in adjacent parishes as a valid factor   
 (eg Rannoch’s / 2 Sisters-as-was).  
 5.2.1 Passenger train information was displayed and Gillian is to pursue the   
 data relating to freight movement. Fred & Peter D to look at the possible  
 purchase of a wireless webcam to monitor the railway crossing in real time  
 for analysis by Members / other volunteers noting throughput, frequency /  
 delay times etc.  
 5.2.2 Sarah to publish her map of cycle routes & potential links with NR51 plus  
 suggestions of footpaths / footways which could possibly accommodate cycle towards an aspirational network which might attract future Developer contribution. Community Path to Woolpit remains in limbo pending Relief  
 Road plans and possible other development pressures on the land.

**Action**

***JC***

*PD to pursue*

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PD +FP*

*SM*

*PD to include in draft*

*David S*

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5.3 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:  
 Mary tabled analysis of questionnaire responses against age profiles across  
 the population which will inform Gillian’s proposed future SWAT analysis –  
 the analysis to feature in full in the draft document under ‘Community  
 Engagement’.

5.4 GROWTH STRATEGY:   
 Discussion around how and who to chase population trends & needs  
 plus historic link between housing growth & supportive infrastructure  
 growth towards identifying any perceived shortfall in future...David S  
 undertook to source MSDC ‘Housing & Population Profile’. Peter D +  
 Village Recorder probably the best source of historic housing growth  
 statistics over past 50 years

6 MSDC INPUT:   
 David Sparkes confirmed a probable target of 500 houses pa across the  
 whole District, spread more flexibly than previously, ie not all in towns, with  
 no upper limit and with ‘sustainability’ a key factor ensuring that KSC’s (eg  
 Elmswell) remain favoured targets.

7 AECOM:   
 Peter D confirmed that Technical Support (free under the Locality grant  
 scheme) is not available for the proposed traffic survey as the Relief  
 Road is not identified as yet in a Local or County Plan. Dave Chetwyn to be  
 asked re alternative providers.

7 AOB:   
 It was agreed that Sunilla Osborne of CAS be approached re a Housing  
 Needs Survey.

8 NEXT:   
 Next meeting fixed for Thursday 8th October at Blackbourne.

9 CLOSE:   
 The meeting closed at 9.15.