

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT / OUR ENVIRONMENT / HOW DO WE KEEP OUR VILLAGE GREEN

STEERING GROUP

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

19TH FEBRUARY 2014

Members:

Brian Butcher (BB)

- Bob Tyrell (BT)
- Tyrone
- Rowley
- June
- Joanne
- Jenny
- Rob
- Austin

Our brief was to begin to consider:

What in the natural and built environment we wanted to protect & enhance and the local policies needed to achieve these.

Our approach was to begin to consider:

What surveys we had, to analyse what further surveys we considered we needed, if any, before policies could be developed, to plan what policies we wanted to develop (so as to have a beneficial outcome)and to consider what further documentation was needed to support such policies.

Tabled were:

- Part copies of CBC's evidence base:
 - Green Infrastructure Study August 2011
 - Landscape capacity at Settlement Fringes Document 2005
 - Landscape Character Assessment 2005
 - Local Wildlife Site Review 2008
- A summary of the above by BB (a copy is attached)
- Part copy of household survey 2013
- West Bergholt Village Design Statement
- West Bergholt Parish Plan
- 2011 census results for West Bergholt
- West Bergholt small & large scale maps

Introduction

BB asked all members to briefly introduce themselves to the group as to their occupation, where they resided in the village and how long they had lived in West Bergholt. A broad spread of skills, location across the village and length of time spent in the village became apparent.

BB then introduced the documents brought to the table, highlighting Parts of the household survey 2013, the West Bergholt Village Design Statement, the West Bergholt Parish Plan and the 2011 census results for West Bergholt and the CBC evidence base surveys.

Further surveys needed

Detailed list of historic buildings/buildings of interest to consider built environment, only natural environment considered.

Summary of views/possible policies:

- Land swap: football pitches/allotments to village edge for village green/development/open space in village centre
- Discrete parts of the village need bringing together by green corridors
- Protection of existing public open spaces and wildlife areas
- Additional open space needed within and without village envelope
- Land in the Colne Valley flood plain needs protection
- Green buffer zones needed alongside existing main roads
- New developments should include for tree planting (and who replants if lost)
- New developments should include restoring hedgerows.
- Need to protect existing views of countryside/landscape and historic buildings
- Developments to be positioned to maintain views into Colne Valley, inc. development of farm buildings.
- Increased and signposted footpath links into surrounding area
- Increased provision of footpaths
- Fly tipping and rubbish
- Provision of cycle paths

The way forward:

To meet again having had material distributed before meeting and time to read, and coordination with other steering groups, and agree what further documentation was needed to support policies going forward.

Compiled by BB from meeting Feedback notes 12th March 2014