

Neighbourhood Plan Progress Report – PC Meeting 14 February 2017

1. Main focus of effort over the past month

- a. Further work on the environment task – contribution to the policy evidence base, the sustainability analysis that we plan to do plus any work we need to do on SEA or HRA
- b. Collecting together evidence on local heritage – including listed buildings (8), survey & excavation sites (3or4) and sites where finds or features of particular archaeological interest exist (c200). Would now like to get these mapped so that we can produce a visual representation of the sites. This would then provide the basis for a heritage protection policy requiring proposed developments to follow up any heritage site implications with the archaeology service.

2. Meetings

- a. Lord Melchett - to discuss his approach to farming and the natural environment and particularly his aspirations for his land in the Parish – which he would like to keep as a place of peace and tranquillity for the quiet enjoyment of the village
- b. Environment Agency in Ipswich – to discuss the SMP and to clarify their approach to the sea defences and the likely implications for the Parish
 - i. Discussed proposals for the roll-back of the Dunes and the maintenance of Thornham Sea Bank. Need to consider how we approach this in the NDP – particularly how we deal with the likely impacts on local amenity.
 - ii. EA have reviewed and commented on paper that we have written.

3. Publicity

- a. Contributed to an article by Andrew Murray in Town & Around - describing work on NP's

4. Funding

- a. Submitted progress report and CJ prepared retrospective claim for funding for first phase of work – which has now been accepted. There was some slack in the budget that we will need to repay but we understand that will be able to add this back into the total pot available for the project.
- b. Plan to make a further grant application to cover the next phase of work to run from April / May to the end of the project.
- c. **Proposal for PC funding** - Coding Heritage information would be very time consuming – but Historic England offer a service for extracting the grid references of key features from their databases in a format that we can input to our GIS – this costs c£55 which we hope PC will agree to fund.

5. Current / Next Steps

- a. We have Draft Vision and objectives and outline for Plan - meeting tomorrow to discuss these and the SWOT analysis that came out of January's consultation event with a view to taking them forward as basis for policies.
- b. Brainstorming session planned – to help clarify the options available to us to deal with the various issues that we have identified so that we can start to build some policy packages that we can consult on.