

Neighbourhood Plan Progress Report – PC Meeting 14 March 2017

1. Several strands of work have been in progress during the course of the past four weeks

- 1.1. The Draft Vision & Objectives statement has been updated and a SWOT Table summarising the Parish's Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats has been drawn up (incorporating ideas put forward by people attending the January Consultation day).
- 1.2. Following a further round of revisions, we have reached agreement with the Environment Agency on the section of the Environmental Designations Report which sets out the implications of the Shoreline Management Plan for Holme.
- 1.3. Website development has been completed and the main areas have been populated with information describing the work on the Plan - once reviewed we can go public.
- 1.4. We have received the heritage assets data held by Historic England and added these to our GIS. After a long delay we have been advised by Historic Environment Service at NCC that we will need to make an application to the Norfolk Historic Environment Record for similarly detailed spatial information held by the County Council.

2. Meetings

- 2.1. Meetings with local landowners are continuing to discuss aspirations for their land during the Plan period and to explore the possibilities of support for our NDP policies – including suggestions put forward by consultees.
- 2.2. A policy brainstorming session was held towards the end of February and we explored some of our ideas with our Consultant who is following up on some of the more complex issues. One of these is how we might compensate the Parish *for the loss of amenity* as a result of the failure of the sea defences – and how we can start to plan for this now.
- 2.3. We met with Liz Moynihan to discuss her ideas for improving the footpath network. Liz (whose family has owned a house in the village for more than 30 years) is an expert on walks in Norfolk having published a number of books on the subject. She has offered to write up her ideas to help the core NDP Team progress this strand of work.
- 2.4. A second meeting has been held with the NWT who are keen to identify ponds and associated wildlife throughout the Parish. A request has been issued via the VIN for help with a survey and the NDP team have offered support with mapping – giving us the possibility of taking this forward as part of a policy to enhance our ecological networks.

3. Funding

- 3.1. Following discussions with the Norfolk Coast Partnership and the Norfolk Rivers Trust, the Trust has agreed to provide us with a small amount of funding to carry out some water quality tests on the Hun.
- 3.2. As reported at the February meeting, we will be making a further grant application to help cover the costs of the next phase of work to run from April / May to the end of the project.

4. Other

- 4.1. Work is behind on the original timetable by more than 2 months – largely as a result of underestimating the huge amount of work involved and the complexities of the environmental issues faced by the Parish.
- 4.2. Christina has now joined the NDP team as Coordinator and will be looking after our admin. She is helping to organise and record meetings, will continue to help with consultation events and will be the first point of contact for comments and queries via the website.
- 4.3. Finally - we have had some helpful discussions and advice from the Chair and Clerk of Strumpshaw Parish in Broadland – a small parish with some similar characteristics to Holme. The Parish produced one of the very first NDP's which has been highly acclaimed – but this required more than 1500 hours of input from the NP Team (and 15 hours per week of input from the project lead over a period of 15 months).