

Neighbourhood Plan Progress Report – PC Meeting 15 November 2017

Work in progress during the course of the past month

1. Since the last meeting we have produced a revised land use zoning plan and sent this to the planning policy team at the Borough Council. Assuming this meets with their approval we can finalise the basic mapping work for the Plan.
2. We are now working on draft policy proposals and aim to have these finalised by 15 December. We have asked our planning consultant, Richard High to review proposals that have come forward for development using the standard screening (HELAA) methodology supplied by BCKL&WN. These include the proposals for housing and tourism made in response to the BC's official call for Sites.
3. We have continued to explore the options for permissive paths to Old Hunstanton and Thornham.
 - At a meeting earlier in the month, the main landowner to the west of the village has indicated that he may be prepared to consider a path to Old Hunstanton if there can be a continuous separation between the path and his land (eg a hedge).
 - The main land owner to the east has indicated that he will not be prepared to consider a path over his land. Christina is looking into the possibility of TROGD funding to support any proposals (though it appears that the usual funding channels for these may be withdrawn).
4. We had a very helpful meeting with Cllr Jamieson earlier this month. We discussed the proposals that have come forward for extending the footpath network and some of the problems encountered. We also discussed the implications for the NDP of impending changes to the EA's Flood Risk mapping, the SMP and the Hun Project. Cllr Jamieson has agreed to help where he can and has suggested a wider meeting with local landowners who will be affected by these issues. He also suggested that the parish may like to consider a self-help group to help deal with coastal change issues. These matters would be beyond the scope of the NDP and would need to be taken forward by the PC.
5. We also had a second meeting with Natural England who are one of the statutory consultees for the NDP. They have indicated that they would like to support the work on the Plan especially in relation to the Protected Sites and Open Spaces and the wider environmental issues that we are facing. They are planning a site visit along with the NCP.
6. A Consultation event is planned for 04 January. Christina has produced LINK/VIN notices for this and at an NDP Team earlier today we started planning the material that will need to be produced.
7. Meanwhile we are underspent on budget and as the work is behind schedule we will be making an application to extend the funding period to March 2018. This will include a budget for advice on flood risk from the EA's Sustainable Development Team.