

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Report
to The Tivetshalls Parish Council Meeting on 12th January 2023

Since the last PC meeting in November the Referendum took place. Every household was delivered an A5 notice detailing the policies to be voted upon and the date and venue of the Referendum on 8th December.

Two residents separately emailed both myself and the PC Chair (Rob) during the week before the Referendum. One sent several messages seeking information on the location of the 10 sites originally put forward for consideration for development. You will recall all were rejected with exception of two preferred sites and two short listed sites. All emails replied to.

Both then asked for amendments to be made. Their view was the wording relating to the Playing Field was misleading for residents. They were insisting that not identifying the PC owned only part of the land with the remainder being leased was misleading to residents. We responded. This did not satisfy one and as a legal document we must amend the wording and map accordingly. Based on advice from Rachel Leggett I composed and we jointly sent replies that ownership of green spaces was not relevant to a NP and having been passed by the Inspector and SNC to Referendum the legislation did not permit any further amendments. We heard nothing more.

I attended the Count.

The result **Turnout 23%** (average for NPlan referendums according to the Returning Officer)

Yes 101

No 12

The result was published on the PC website by the Clerk and by South Norfolk Council.

SNC have placed copies at the Long Stratton Library, at the Octagon in Diss and one will be held at the SNC Offices.

The Steering Group in consultation with the PC Chair had 21 copies printed. 1 for Rachel Leggett, one each for Parish Councillors and our Clerk to hold. The remainder to be held by the Parish Clerk for future use. Maybe a decision required on where these should be held.

Final Invoice submitted by Rachel Leggett to the Clerk for 3 days £960 plus printing costs of £571.32

Total £1531.32 I believe this will take us beyond our grant from Locality which was for £1859 by a small amount. The remainder if required will should be taken from the SNC total grant.

I have to submit a final financial report to Locality identifying the spend of our grant. The Cock Crow published a 4-page article during Lockdown as they were short of parish content. However, I would like to suggest we make a donation towards the printing costs. To be sent via Vivienne Wheeler. Amount suggested £50.

I hope the Councillors will record recognition of the hours and effort put in by the Steering Group members – Rob Alleguen-Porter; Julie Brown; Suzanne Clark; Ros Hill; John Tully; Alyson Read. Plus, Peter Leonard for additional photographs and all the residents who helped deliver household leaflets, had large posters displayed on their properties. I think it would be in order to also send a message of thanks to Rachel Leggett, Andrea Long and Emma Harrison for their professional work.

Alyson Read – Chair Steering Group