

Neighbourhood Plan Report to Parish Council Meeting To be held at 7pm on 8th September 2022

Grant Expenditure Application 2022/23

We applied and have been granted £1859.00. This should take us to the completion and adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Examiners Report

Mr Nigel McGurk sought clarification, via South Norfolk Planners, from the Steering Group on several issues. We were very pleased to receive this opportunity to communicate with him. The Steering Group met and discussed them in detail. All the policies except the last had been amended by the Examiner. The Group were pleased to note that the amendments were mostly restricted to rewording without losing the whole intent.

Green Spaces – School Field: In response to the Examiner’s question we were able to clarify with the local landowner that it was in fact subject of a rental agreement between him and the school. After redrawing the boundary of this ‘green space’ by Rachel Leggett, the Examiner determined that as it had not been this specific area used in the consultation process it must be disregarded.

Boudicca Way Trail – the Examiner chose to accept NCC opinion that this was a new trail and did not meet the criteria of Non-Designated Heritage Assets.

SNDC

The Planners are submitting our Neighbourhood Plan to the Cabinet meeting on 26th September for their consideration. We were invited to submit our comments in relation to acceptance of the report as amended by the Examiner or to oppose its adoption. The opinions of the Steering Group were that we knew that residents would smile when learning that Boudicca Way did not meet the criteria as a Non-Designated Heritage Asset when it is well known to be an Icenii/Roman route through our parish. We were not opposed to adoption of the plan as amended by Mr McGurk.

Residents are able to attend the Cabinet meeting on 26th September. If the Plan is adopted by SNDC there will be some further work carried out by Rachel Leggett Associates to reflect the Examiner amendments. Also the Steering Group will be writing and distributing a leaflet for each parish household promoting the amended Neighbourhood Plan and the dates of the Referendum.

The polling date is expected to be during the Autumn 2022

By the end of this year we should know if the residents have chosen to adopt it as part of the Planning Legislation or reject it.

Alyson Read - Steering Group