**Strensall with Towthorpe Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

**Meeting Notes August 22nd 2017**

Present: Mr K. Marquis (Chair), Cllrs A Fisher, A. Bolton, J. Chapman, Mrs D Hails

Mrs S May, Mrs C Whittle, Ms Kathryn Jukes (Consultant)

1. Apologies: Mrs S Jenkins, Mr J Millett and Mr P Thorpe

2. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Kathryn for her attendance.

3. The document prepared on the outline of potential next steps was discussed in detail. Road safety issues highlighted were:

 Pedestrian crossings – safe cycle route along Strensall Road -speed restrictions and safe route to school for children to walk to school. It was suggested that the detailed and comprehensive document prepared by Cllr Mattinson be used to underline the importance of road safety

 Development matters: - identify areas of potential development within the village KJ to supply details of suitable chartered architects capable of carrying out survey of potential backland sites.

 Try to identify areas that could be used for parking for retail outlets

 To identify land that could be used for affordable housing/apartments/starter homes

 To identify land to be retained for sports facilities

 To look at the provision of other retail outlets – a community café or similar

 To seek assurance from the Bus company that the route could be extended to go down Thompson Drive and up Park Gate to the terminus in the short term and then take in the Camp once development has commenced there. One suggestion would be that one bus took that route and the next bus went along Ox Carr Lane, Moor Lane, Princess Road so that a half hourly service could be provided.

 If the Barracks were to close then Hirst Hall is a readymade community hall with nursery already running. There are also sports facilities –tennis courts and a football pitch that could be retained.

 The Library would make an ideal place to hold a community café on the days when it is not used although the Methodist Chapel run one every Friday and Saturday morning very successfully. Perhaps this could be expanded.

 There were many areas to investigate and perhaps tasks could be delegated to members to move things along.

 It was agreed that initial discussions should be held with the various organisations listed by Kathryn:

Within a NP it is possible to include a section to address matters that are not strictly planning policy but can be influenced or dealt with via other means. On this basis, the NP might include a section to outline the following community actions:

* Talk with Highways Authority to seek traffic management measures and new cycle path routes onto A64 on Strensall Road to A1237
* Talk with library service about securing a new library. Could the existing community hall be extended or could it accommodate more facilities? Maybe look at the JRHT model of putting libraries, cafes and post offices into village halls?
* Talk with Utilities concerning treatment plant capacity
* Talk with Bus Service providers to extend the route
* Talk with EA about flood risk measures

KM to request volunteers to undertake these initial communications. See Attached

There being no other business for discussion the meeting ended at 8.45pm

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 26th September at approximately 7.15pm

**Tasks to be carried out by members**

I have listed the issues recorded by Kathryn which require an initial approach to the organisations to request a meeting to advise them that we are preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and would wish to discuss the initial views with them about desires / concerns.

Talk with Highways Authority to seek traffic management measures and new cycle path routes onto A64 on Strensall Road to A1237 – **suggest Tony Fisher lead**

Talk with library service about securing a new library. Could the existing community hall be extended or could it accommodate more facilities? Maybe look at the JRHT model of putting libraries, cafes and post offices into village halls? **Also consider future use of St Wilfrids Church** – **suggest Sue Nunn, Sue May & Claire Whittle**

Talk with Utilities concerning treatment plant capacity – **suggest Keith Marquis, John Chapman**

Talk with Bus Service providers to extend the route – **suggest Andrew Bolton**

Talk with EA about flood risk measures – **suggest John Millett**