

Minutes of the initial meeting of the The GAB Neighbourhood Plan Group held on 6 December 2017 at Gaddesby Village Hall

1. Present: Jason Jeyes, Sue Milward, Alex Stroud, Sue Hensman, David Batchelor, Julie Hayton, Jenny Hurst, Carol Spiers, Kathryn Shorrocks, Janette Gadd, John Simon.
2. Apologies: Chris Shatford, Peter Featherstone. Phil Gilligan
3. John opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending and the Village Hall Committee for allowing free use of the Hall for meeting purposes.
4. All present introduced themselves, identified any special skills and why they wanted to be involved in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP).
5. John explained how an NP was produced and the advantages of having an NP in place not only for Gaddesby but also for Ashby Folville and Barsby. A discussion took place in particular as to the relationship between any NP and the evolving Melton Local Plan.
6. It was decided that the Group would not decide how the work required would be divided between them and that will await advice from the nominated consultant.
7. JS advised that the current funding programme ends on 31 March 2018 but that we could still apply for funding currently on offer until 31 January 2018 with any funded work being completed by 31 March 2018. The new funding regime commences on 1 April 2018 and John has been advised that the Group could apply for a further full grant thereunder. It is therefore an advantage to the Group if we can get as much work funded by the end of March.
8. There were produced to the meeting quotes from 3 consultants – Planit-X, Planning With People and Your Locale. They had been requested to quote initially for the work they considered could be carried out prior to 31 March 2018 but Planit-X and Your Locale quoted for the development of the entire plan as well.
9. The meeting felt that the Your Locale quote was the most comprehensive and it was decided that, subject to a meeting with Gary Kirk of Your Locale, they be appointed to carry out the work up to 31 March 2018. It was agreed that, subject to availability, 3 of Alex, Jenny, David, Janette and John would meet Gary.
10. It was agreed that Jenny be the link councillor to the Parish Council.

11. After some discussion John was appointed chair.
12. No clerk was appointed. That position is vacant for the time being.
13. Alex confirmed that Ashby Folville Village Hall is available for Group meetings.
14. The name of the Group was agreed as The GAB Neighbourhood Plan Group otherwise known as The GAB NP Group.
15. The next meeting will be on either Friday 5 January 2018 or Monday 15 January 2018.