



MARKS TEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
Notes from the Steering Group Meeting
Wednesday 5th February 2020
7.30pm at Marks Tey Parish Hall

Present:

John Wood (MTPC) (Chairing)
Ian Scott-Thompson (Sec)
Sue Stacey
Richard Gore
Karen Seward
Frank Clark
Gail Gibbs
Allan Walker

Apologies: Patsy Beech

1. Welcome (*John Wood chairing*). John issued an Agenda.
2. Minutes of last meeting (28th Jan) agreed.
Matters Arising: 3b Village Settlement Boundaries still needs circulating (**John**).
3. The Neighbourhood Plan - recent developments:
 - a. The Station. Rachel has introduced a new policy, MT03, covering this and linked matters, to go into Chapter 7. It is very clunky: "development proposals involving in expanded facilities (including passenger car parking) at MT station should be assessed for their impact on road and pedestrian safety and residential amenity in MT parish. Where potential adverse impacts are identified, proposals will only be supported if accompanied by measures which monitor and, if applicable, appropriately mitigate impacts (for example through strengthening the station rail bridge, street scene enhancement measures along Station Rd, screening of noise, pollution or visual impacts.

To be supported, proposals must maintain existing passenger accessibility at the station and seek, where applicable, improvements in passenger accessibility.

Proposals likely to have residual unacceptable impacts on road safety and residential amenity will not be supported."

Station North Car Park spaces: **Allan, Richard, and Karen** will check the new greater number.

Wording agreed. But, can we incorporate this material into MT01? That would fit with the subject "Transport Infrastructure", and avoid re-numbering. **Allan** will communicate this to Rachel.
4. MT04 should not describe the Estate as "the Village": **John** and **Allan** will check if this has been changed.
5. The consultation starting date now has to be delayed until 24th Feb, and it's continuing until Easter Sunday. This is a consequence of the timing of decisions, and printing.
6. The consultation venues: we cannot use the school, because they can't allow the public open access. Main venues will be the Parish Hall and St Andrew's Parish Church Marks Tey. Little Tey Church and the Pharmacy won't have enough space. Documents will be a copy of the Neighbourhood Plan itself, Display boards, Summary leaflets, and Questionnaires. Delivery will be on 22nd and 23rd. Policies: use more pictures, and fewer words! These Policies are helpful but not critical for the PC meeting on 10th Feb.
7. We wanted to attach pictures to each Chapter. Rachel says these can be included later.

8. Chapter 7. Rachel has put a number of station / shops / parking initiatives in here.
 1. Community Projects. Increase off-street parking to service station. Work with stakeholders to develop long term plan for efficient provision of formal & managed station-related car parking. Linked to MT01 and MT03
 2. A120. We'll continue to campaign for a '20's Plenty' campaign on the A120 which runs through the village. We will work with stakeholders & seek improvement of environmental measures which would help make the A120 a quality street for all. Linked to MT03
 3. Street Scene, pedestrian access. We'll work with stakeholders to seek improvements parish wide, including the measures set out in tables 6.1 & 6.2. Linked to MT03
 4. London Parade Improvements. We'll work with stakeholders, including landowners, County & tenants to bring about shop front & street scene improvements and increased off street parking provision. Linked to MT14
 5. MT Station. Passenger Accessibility. We'll work with other agencies to see if pedestrian access across North Lane rail bridge could be improved by working with Network Rail on initiatives to enable disabled access through the station. Linked to MT13
 6. MT Station Retail Facilities. We'll request from stakeholders that options will be explored to achieve greater integration of retail facilities at the station, to provide greater choice to users & enhanced retail choice to the village. Linked to MT03.

But we don't really want more shops at the Station, as that will increase parking congestion. Remove 6: we want the shops at London Road Parade, even including commuter parking, which will increase retail footfall.

9. Other business:
 - Sue:** we need an eye-catching banner on the Notice-boards. John is producing some posters, which can be displayed in lots of places.
 - Allan:** public meetings to promote the Consultation: use the Litter Pick (14th March). Give out pens and bookmarks.
 - Karen:** notices have been put up about Grangers Lane, in the name of the Neighbourhood Plan Group; but this Group really should have been informed!

Future meetings

Wednesday 19th February 7.30pm (*John Chair*)

Ian Scott-Thompson