Lilbourne Neighbourhood Development Plan

Advisory Committee Meeting

19 May 2026

Those Present: Jonathan Pope (Chairman)

Trevor Arkell Ben Berridge Paul Starling

Jan Alexander David Bacon

Gary Kirk and John Martin from YourLocale

The Meeting opened at 1900

1: Apologies

Apologies were received from Angie Arkell, Mark and Gill Wells, Tori Pope, Max Berridge and Sue Starling

2: Declaration of Interests

There were no new Declaration of Interests received, the ones on record are for:

Ben & Max Berridge, Jonathan & Tori Pope, Gill Wells and David Bacon – all landowners

Jan Alexander – Church Warden

3: Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 02 March were discussed and agreed.

Proposed: Paul Starling Seconded: Ben Berridge

The minutes of the meeting on 23 March were discussed and agreed.

Proposed: Paul Starling Seconded: Trevor Arkell

Both sets of minutes were signed by Jonathan Pope on behalf of the Advisory Committee as a true record.

4: Public Participation

No members of the public attended the meeting.

5: Update from YourLocale

Gary Kirk gave an update on the current position with regard to the NDP stating that the Advisory Committee needs to now concentrate on the Sustainability Policy. Gary stated that the first draft of the NDP was complete and copies were given to all Advisory Committee members.

All maps in the NDP have been updated to current OS maps.

6: Draft Community Sustainability Policy

A discussion was led by Gary Kirk and John Martin on the Draft Community Sustainability Policy at pages 23 to 47.

All pages were discussed and agreed, with the following amendments:

- Page 23 – Remove reference to Clifton Brook and replace with Nature Reserve
- Page 24 – Remove reference to Clifton Brook and replace with Nature Reserve
- Page 24 – Remove from the second line from the bottom (some of their cottages survive)
- Page 27 – On the map (Figure 6) Richard Hoult's land to be removed from yellow area
- Page 28 – Remove reference to Pocket Park
- Page 32 – Map to be included (Figure 10.2)
- Page 33 – All entries in red type to be updated.
- Page 38 – Change 'Listing at Grade II* or II' to 'Listing at Grafe I and II'
- Page 40 – Remove the area in Leicestershire from the map (Figure 14)
- Page 41 – Remove the area in Leicestershire from the map (Figure 15)
- Page 44 to 46 – Remove Flood Risk Policy and replace with a cross reference to the National Plan and include local historic references.

ACTIONS

- John Martin to make all the foregoing amendments.
- Jan Alexander to look into local historical information for pages 44 to 46.

It was agreed that there would be no renewables policy included in the draft NDP. This would be part of the Open Event, and the local communities wishes would be taken into account in any future policy in the NDP. If no policy was agreed after the Open Event, then the WNC Policy would apply.

7: Residential Site Assessment

At this point in the meeting as a result of a conflict of interests, Ben Berridge, Jonathan Pope and Trevor Arkell left the room. David Bacon took over as Chair for this element.

Gary Kirk and John Martin led the discussion on their assessments of the main areas involved. Gary stated that the WNC requirement was for 9 houses.

As only three committee members remained in the room and in view of the conflict of interests it was unanimously agreed that the assessments would be referred to Lilbourne Parish Council for them to make the decision. This was considered the fairest and most transparent course of action.

At the end of this element Jonathan, Ben and Trevor returned to the meeting and Jonathan resumed as Chair.

ACTION

- Jonathan to refer the Residential Site Assessments to LPC for a decision to be taken ‘in camera’.

8: Next Steps

It was agreed that it would be advantageous if Gary and/or John attended the next LPC meeting to present the NDP and answer parish councillors’ questions. If this could not be arranged for a scheduled monthly LPC Meeting, then an extraordinary meeting would need to be called. Following this meeting the LPC would need to make the Regulation 14 submission; and the Advisory Committee would need to plan and run the Open Event

ACTION

- Jonathan to liaise with Clare (LPC Clerk) to arrange a suitable meeting.

9: Any Other Business

There were no other matters requiring discussion.

10: Date of Next Meeting

To be arranged once the LPC meeting has been held.

Signed as a true record

Jonathan Pope

Chair