

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Notes on meeting held Monday 12 January 2015

1: Nine members of the group were present.

2: David Hepper (as Parish Council chairman) outlined the progress with discussions with SCDC. In brief, a meeting has been held between Hilary Hanslip, Planning Officer at SCDC, Tony Fryatt (representing Debach), David Hepper (Bredfield) and Keith Banthorpe (Boulge). Tony outlined the reasons for attempting a combined parishes plan, but Ms Hanslip suggested that one of his concerns – lack of planned development in Debach – did not need the process of a NP, but could be dealt with by direct discussions with SCDC. The second concern, the development of the airfield at Debach could not be covered by the proposal, as the bulk of the airfield is in the parish of Clopton.

3: As a direct result of this, Debach Parish Meeting have decided not to proceed any further with the Plan. Boulge did not show any enthusiasm, and indicated that no discussion of the matter had been held. It was agreed that they may also be ruled out.

4: After some discussion the group decided that the plan should still continue for Bredfield alone, but it was necessary to validate this with a second public meeting. This meeting could be both to update the parish on the progress so far, and to inform them of the next steps that it is proposed we take. A second meeting may also be an opportunity to recruit more supporters to the group. It would also help fulfil the requirement for public involvement.

5: A date in mid-February was agreed upon, (tentatively the 23rd, dependant on hall availability). Anne Henderson will prepare a publicity flyer for the event, which will be inserted in the February edition of the Lantern.

6: It was suggested that the use by the Parish Plan (2006) of a preliminary questionnaire, based on topics of likely concern, distributed to every household would be a good initial start.

8: It was agreed that we should attempt to contact another parish conducting a plan (Bealings?), for advice.

9: David H stressed that the NP would effectively be an appendix to the Local Plan, and the group would have to become familiar with this

9. David H indicated that the next step would be a formal approach by the Parish Council to SCDC. This would inform SCDC of our intention and obtain confirmation that proposed area is acceptable

10. Following the approval of the plan, the next steps are:

Publicise the intention to produce a plan

Define the area - identify local groups/businesses/people affected

Contact planning department & commence a dialogue with them on the scope of the plan

Community engagement – lots of publicity / questionnaires / meetings with full range of interested parties and identify what their concerns and issues are