**Notes of a Meeting of the Market Drayton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held at MD Town Hall on Wednesday 11th January 2017**

**Present:** Dr Richard Priestley (Chairman), Chris Gooding (Data Orchard), Hamish Armytage (Drayton Messenger), Councillor Roger Hughes, Julie Jones (Town Clerk), Peter Eardley (Norton-in-Hales PC), Peter Wilson (NP Project Officer), Alistair Duncan (Halletec), Councillor John Cadwallader. Councillor Paul Wynn, Paul Nash (Adderley PC), Roy Tydeman (Norton-in-Hales & Adderley PC),

**Apologies**: Jane Evans (Parish Clerk Adderley & Moreton Say), Bill Bloxsome (Data Orchard),

Nicola Fisher (Shropshire Council) arrived late

1. The Chairman welcomed Paul Nash to the Group meeting
2. The Chairman proposed that the meeting open by receiving and considering the email report from Shropshire Council Legal Department and the report from the 3 Parishes meeting with Shropshire Council held on 15th December 2016 as agreed at the previous Steering Group meeting.
3. Once received and the position understood, then a 15 minute recess should be taken to allow both parties to review and come back with proposals as to how we might move forward.
4. **Shropshire Council Legal Department comments were tabled** ; key points noted were as follows:

* There can only be one Neighbourhood Plan for the same area
* No overlap of the Designated NP Areas is permitted
* The final decision over designation rests with Local Authorityi.e Shropshire Council
* It will be necessary to understand if the Parishes had provided MDTC consent to act in relation to the designated area
* **CG** advised that the Area Designation is the first formal process of Neighbourhood Planning, the 6 week Consultation Period in this case was from 16th July to the 28th August 2015 and was adopted by Shropshire Council in early December 2015. Only one representation was received but was only seeking clarification and was not contentious.
* **PWy/PE** enquired as to what evidence there was regarding consultation with the Parishes
* **JJ/CG** referred to the meeting held with Parish clerks/reps on 7th May 2015 followed up with email request for feedback from Parishes.
* A notification email had been sent to 3 Parishes by Andy Mortimer on the 20th July 2015 with timescales and relevant links regarding Consultation
* **PE** Did not appreciate this was part of Consultation

1. **Report on 3 Parishes meeting with Shropshire Council Representatives;**

* **PE** chaired the meeting which was held 15th December 2016 in Norton-in-Hales – notes from this meeting were provided subsequently
* General feeling was that consultation had not taken place
* Parishes understand expansion pressures but have felt divorced from the process
* Aim is to resolve and rebuild trust
* Any merit in Plans running side by side – Local Plan revision timescale would be a concern

1. **A 15 minute Recess took place**
2. **Proposals from Parishes to assist moving forward:**

* Investigate procedures re emails/information flow.
* **PE** confirmed receipt of regular notifications of meetings/notes from Project Officer
* Meeting between Town Council/Parishes with SC input to be arranged as a matter of urgency

**8 Proposals from Town Council/Steering Group to assist moving forward:**

* **RP** Both sides need to subscribe so that everyone wins
* Trust was mentioned as a contributory factor to the current situation but it was acknowledged that this was a “two-way street”
* It was proposed that a small team of representatives from the Town & Parishes meet along with Eddie West from SC to review the position and seek to find a way forward
* **RP** Agreed to chair such a meeting.
* **JJ/PW** would arrange a time and date
* Reps to attend from Parishes to be Paul Nash, Peter Eardley, Melanie Joyce
* Reps to attend from Town Council Roger Hughes, J Jones + PW
* Assuming progress is achieved, representations on the draft plan received through the regulation 14 process can then be reviewed at the next subsequent meeting

1. **Date of next meeting to be confirmed subject to the outcome of the above meeting**