**Wilmcote Parish Council – Neighbourhood Planning Group**

**Minutes of Meeting Number 22**

**Held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 7th July 2015 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:**

Colin Ray, Roger Harrison, Deanna Fernie, Louise Stewart, Karl McMillan, Warwick Roberts, Alison McMillan, Christian Lowis, Richard Hoskin, Alan Griffith, Steve Howell. Michael Wellock from Kirkwells consultancy

**1. Apologies:**

Ken Guy, Nick Wilson, Steve Howell, Ted Mander, Peter Howard, Keith Vinning, Kate Compton.

**2. Declarations of dispensations granted for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests already in the register of Members Interests.**

All NPG and WPC members present have dispensations.

**3. The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2015**

These were agreed.

**4. Feedback on Village Open Day on 27th June 2015**

The open day on 27th June comprised posters showing the results of the questionnaire completed earlier in the year. A presentation by the NPG chairman was given in the morning and repeated in the afternoon, this gave a brief recap on the background to neighbourhood plans, the progress to date and the plans to complete the plan. The event was a success, around 50 residents attended and feedback was that the day was a very useful update.

**5. Consultancy support**

At the last meeting Colin reported that he was in the process of contacting four consultants to assist us in the drafting and preparation of our Neighbourhood Plan. This will give us an indication of the likely time needed and cost to complete the NP and would enable Roger to seek further funding.

The consultant chosen to assist us is Kirkwells and their director Michael Wellock attended the meeting. Michael outlined the approach to completing the plan and asked for our views on what we expected the plan would cover. It was generally agreed that the plan needed to balance three aspects of Wilmcote/Pathlow. First Wimcote/Pathlow have a long history and this should be documented in the neighbourhood plan. Second, protecting the history needs to be balanced recognising that developments will occur in maintaining the well-being of the existing community. Third, any developments today must be sustainable and not spoil the well-being of future communities. Overall the neighbourhood plan should balance the yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Michael will draft a first outline neighbourhood plan for the next meeting, the members of the NPG will then provide input and a second version drafted. In this way the NP will evolve and all residents consulted for their input. Through this process all residents will have ownership of the final NP.

**6. Treasurer’s Report**

Roger reported that the current balance in the NPG account is £639.66, of which £505.44 is committed for the questionnaire analysis, and £67.44 was spent on printing charts, maps and poster for the Open Day. The remaining £66.78 is also committed for hire of the Village Hall for the Open Day and group meetings. Following the meeting a grant application has been made to provide funding for the next phase of development of the plan and appointment of Kirkwells.

**7. Date of next meeting**

It was agreed not to hold a meeting in August because of the holiday season. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd September 2015.