

NDP Update 17th September 2014

Kings Caple NDP Vision Statement:

"To preserve and enhance the natural beauty and historical character of the village and surrounding AONB, ensuring that any development is sensitive to these qualities and contributes to the well being of the community".

At the meeting in August it was agreed that the team be reduced to 5 members (Jake Keogh, Andrew Beckett, Peter Harris, Adrian Harvey and myself) to complete the creation of the draft plan. The remainder to remain involved with proofreading, editing etc. Version 1 has already been written, distributed and feedback has begun. I envisage several more iterations before we achieve the final version (End Oct).

At our next meeting (Tuesday 23/09) Adam Sheppard will be attending to give us his feedback on our draft plan.

We have increased our meeting frequency to fortnightly and this will continue until the project is completed. This will have a small impact on the budget but this will be absorbed.

We are running well under budget (attached) and some of the items will not now materialise, however, it is looking likely we may need professional help with policy creation, plan layout and production and I have therefore adjusted the budget to take this into account.

It should be noted that CDF, the grant administrators, have informed us that any monies not spent by 31/12/14 must be refunded in January 2015. Approx £1000 of our budget was post referendum costs which will not now be spent but can be reallocated to other items if required. Further grants may be available in April 2015 but not guaranteed. It is therefore vital for us to push ahead as quickly as possible and ensure all high cost items (consults, printing etc) are completed this year.

I have attached two letters (with application forms and maps) that need to be signed and sent to landowners and a copy of the updated budget which reflects all spending & forecasts date.

Have a good meeting

Mike Harris
NDP Project Leader