

**Minutes of a meeting of the
Wells Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
7th September 2021 by Zoom**

Steering Group Members:

Wells City Council: Cllrs Adrian I'Anson, Rachel Humphreys & Jenny Rust

Graham Barrow, Helen Ellison, Mendip Cllr Laura Waters & Rosemary Naish

St Cuthbert Out Parish Council: Tony Hathway & Ian Humphreys

County Councillor: Tessa Munt

Planning consultant: Stuart Todd

1. Apologies for absence – Helen Ellison
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2021 approved
3. Bid for regeneration of the High Street

SCOP cllr Tony Hathway referred to a traffic survey in Wookey Hole by recording by vehicles arriving in and leaving the village to indicate through traffic. Residents standing at key junctions.
Supplemented by a drone survey.

4. Draft Tourism section

Stuart Todd reinforced the need to refer to the pandemic throughout the Plan. The source of numbers needs to be referred to and a list of accommodation included. The policy needs re-drafting and infrastructure should be defined.

Tessa Munt referred to the need to refer to accessibility to tourist attractions and parking for the disabled.

5. Consultation Engagement Plan

Tony Hathway referred to the need to deposit leaflets in the library and surgeries.

Stuart Todd indicated that the leaflet should be an exercise in refreshing with between 8 and 16 pages of A5 avoiding large tracts of wording. Other documents should be signposted, policies precised with brief summaries. Open questions should be avoided with objective questions preferred.

6. Meeting with Mendip DC on 28th September

Stuart Todd said that MDC will be keen to ensure that the NP is compliant with the Local Plan. They will need to be formally asked to screen the Plan in terms of the SEA.

Adrian I'Anson 31.8.2021