

Report of Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to Hemingford Grey Parish Council, Jan 2021

The NPSG met in November 2020 by Zoom and established its work programme for the next few months. The programme included the following

- Preparation of report on the surveys undertaken by residents and school children in March/April 2021.
- Preparation of the consultation method for businesses, landowners and local organisations (including not for profit organisations)
- Continuing development of a bespoke web site for the NP
- Preparation of a grant bid for submission in April 2021. The NPSG is restricted to only 4 grant applications in total and the minimum amount is £1,000. So the application needs to incorporate all the monies that might be needed for activities in 2021-2022.

Richard Allen, as editor of the Parish Council Newsletter, offered the NPSG the 4 centre pages of the next two editions. The first article will include a summary of the survey results and the second article may include a survey on the impact Covid has had on people's perceptions of the parish.

The continuing impact of Covid especially the new variant and the tough restrictions of Tier 4 means that activities may be limited as NPSG members and residents will be very cautious until the vaccine is rolled out. For example the scoping workshop to develop the vision and objectives for the NP may not be held until the summer so that people will be able to attend in person rather than by Zoom.

The Parish Council is asked to note this report and we thank the PC for allowing us increased space within the Newsletter. The Steering Group is keen to ensure that the survey for businesses, local organisations, and those who work from home includes all in the parish. An email has been sent to you asking for your help. If you have not replied already please do so.

Anne Meredith and Robin Waters

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