

Notes of meeting 14:00 19th Jan 2023, via MS Teams.

Subject:

Designated Area and referendum

Present:

Catherine Morgetroyd
Principal Planning Officer - Planning Policy (CWaC)

Tattenhall & District Neighbourhood Plan Review Working Group.

Cllr Iain Keeping (Chair), Adele Evans, Cllr Pat Black, Caryl Roberts, Lucy Hughes (CCA), Cllr Mike Jones.

It was explained that when the original neighbourhood plan was made, the neighbourhood plan boundary was chosen to be the same as the parish boundary. Since then the parish boundary has changed so that a small area has been added, and a smaller area has been removed from the parish. The working group feel that the boundary should be changed so that NP boundary is again the same as the parish boundary to keep in mind decision. However, there is concern that changing the NP boundary would automatically trigger a referendum which the Parish Council would prefer to avoid.

It was explained that so far there is no precedent in West Cheshire, but automatic triggering a referendum would be unlikely. The decision would be taken by the examiner taking into account the advice of the Local Authority. The areas involved are small and the number of properties few meaning that the change would be minor. It was agreed that a call to examiners might be helpful.

Reassurance was given that a low turnout at a referendum would not weaken the strength of the reviewed NP and a referendum would only add a small delay. Legal challenge would not be more likely if a referendum were necessary

Pending a decision by the Parish Council, a change to the boundary to incorporate only the Parish boundary would require only the submission of an application form and map. Further consultation would not be necessary.