

MONITOR'S REPORT FOR 19.9.2017

This meeting was to discuss the outcome of the Neighbourhood Plan Team consultation held on 16th September 2017 and a great deal of time was spent on questions by the Chairman Tony.

After this period of the meeting it became clear for the first time for me, that the proposed Neighbourhood Plan for completion in December 2017 was to be a Draft Neighbourhood Plan and it would be on an A4 sheets with a brief description for each Objective.

I was under the impression it was going to be very difficult to complete the large amount of work necessary for the submission of the Plan by the due date. This was one of the reasons for the proposal by a minority of members of the Steering Group to recommend to the Parish Council that the Plan should not go ahead (or words to that effect)

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It would appear residents were not aware that the plan the Steering Group were working towards with the December 2017 deadline was a Draft Plan.

Abbreviations such as N.P. S.G etc cause misunderstanding and in my opinion should not be used.

The Steering Group should not let the loud voice of those who criticise both the process and the members involved, prevent the Group and Parish Council spending as much time informing and encouraging the many residents who wish their opinions on a Plan to be taken into consideration.

A number of sites originally proposed were removed for more than one reason, but mainly because they were very contentious and I do not understand why a discussion took place about the possibility of replacing them in the Draft Plan.

I see the following examples as a very good reason why Burneside should have a Neighbourhood Plan:-

The proposal to build on a large Green Belt of land in the middle of Staveley.

The proposal by a developer to build 100 houses in the small village of End Moor.
Staveley announcement was in the Gazette last week and End Moor this weekl.

A S Thompson.