<u>Hednesford Town Council</u>

<u>Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group</u>

<u>10:00 am 9 February 2016</u>

Present: Cllrs B Gamble (BG) (Chair), Mrs D Grice (DG), A Pearson (AP), L Whitehouse (LW) and L Aitchison (LH), B Field (BF), P Harrison (PH), J Heminsley (JH) and D Wisehall (DW)

Apologies: Cllr C Mitchell

1. <u>Notes</u>
   The notes of the meeting held on12 January were received

2. <u>Update</u>

   LA had been considering the arrangements that would need to be put in place to publicise and consult on the draft plan (commencing early summer 2016) and gave detailed proposals and possible costs. It was agreed that she be invited to present this information to the next meeting of the Council so that members could consider allocating a budget for the necessary work

   JH had continued to draft the main sections of the Plan including Introduction, Planning Policy Context, History and Description of the Town and Key Issues and Draft Policies and in this respect had been liaising with the Planning Authority

   The Group agreed that the plan should incorporate a specific proposal relating to redevelopment of land at Cannock Road for housing and identify the area around Greenheath Road and Station Road which contained some buildings of merit. With regard to housing development the plan would encourage building of bungalows and other accommodation for the growing elderly population. Residential development of 3 stories plus roof was considered to be out of keeping

   St Saviour's Church had been identified in the plan as a building of local historical and architectural interest. However it was noted that the PCC had determined that the building was to close as a church and would be placed on the open market for sale

   With regard to the land survey BG/AP and DG had been unable to complete this mainly due to bad weather. JH agreed to obtain individual maps of the Town Council wards which could be used for plotting the information gathered

   The next meeting would be held at 10:00 on 22 March 2016

   The meeting ended at 11:45 am