

Statement explaining how the proposed Neighbourhood Forum is capable of being a Designated Authority (Localism Act 2011).

The group establishing the Neighbourhood Forum held a public meeting on 24th March 2015 at which the process of creating a Neighbourhood Plan was explained. At the end of that meeting eighteen people signed up to be members of the Forum. In addition four of the people who sent apologies indicated that they would want to be members, and the five members of the Steering Group indicated that they would wish to be members. These 27 people include all three ward councillors, although Councillor Dr Lynn Moore is likely to be unable to serve as a member, as she is a member of the Planning Committee.

At the meeting on 29th May 2015 a Working Group was formed to establish a Constitution. This group reported back to the meeting on 23rd June 2015 with a draft constitution, which was discussed at the meeting. Comments on the draft were received subsequently, and the Working Group and the Steering Group have agreed a draft to go forward for approval at the next meeting on 25th August 2015.