Minutes of a Meeting
Held on Tuesday August 22nd
at the Lyric Theatre, Dinnington.

Present: D. Smith (Chairperson for Meeting), S. Moore (Group Secretary), G. Capper, D. Dixon

In attendance: A. Towlerton

1. RMBC position Statement and Planned Meeting on the 22nd September

Discussion was held regarding the Position Statement that we have received from RMBC. Clearly the Statement was meant to persuade us that there is nothing we can do to change RMBC’s view that is contained in the emerging Local Plan and that the Inspector’s findings so far communicated are final and will not be changed.

This was not the view of the attendees as well as the feelings gained from the full meeting held on the 19th August. We have a duty to ensure that the views and wishes of the community are rigorously pursued based on the new evidence that we have from AECOM.

Some discussion took place regarding conformity and the Local Plan and it was felt that our response to RMBC should be firm but try to be collaborative to achieve a good solution for all parties. New evidence and facts are most important in this regard.

2. Review of Neighbourhood Plan progress

It was felt that at the next meeting we should have an update with copies of where we are with the plan and what sections need further work. Andrew Towlerton agreed to update and give an input at the next meeting. We would use this to prepare for a community meeting that we need to have soon.

David Dixon had produced a draft response for consideration by the group. This was accepted with some modification and will be circulated to the main Steering Group for comment and acceptance prior to transmission to RMBC asap.

A further letter to the Inspector will be drafted once we have the final report from AECOM. This letter will point out the new evidence and request an opportunity to present this to the Inspector at a meeting as soon as practicable.