

**Draft Minutes of
BOTTFESFORD PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
EXTRAORDINARY STEERING GROUP MEETING**

7.30 p.m. Friday 9th December 2016 – Old School

Present:

Steering Group Members

Bob Bayman (BB) - Chair
Richard Simon (RS) - Clerk
Colin Love (CL)
Susan Love (SL)
Cob George (CG)
Peter Darlow (PD)

Helpers

Rob Lockey (RL)
Val Lever (VL)
Kathy Sparham (KS)
Bob Sparham (BS)

Brian Attwood
Sue Boyd
Richard Ling

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed attendees and representatives from Asfordby, Sue Boyd and Brian Attwood, to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Annie Newman, Neville Spick, Barry Priestley, David Wright, Dermot Daly

3. Response to the Draft Melton Local Plan

BB said that the last week of the consultation period is approaching and everyone is entitled to make a response.(Last day 19th December).

The response to date has been shared with the Parish Council at an Extraordinary Meeting and received their agreement. The final version will go to the Parish Council meeting on Monday for approval.

A group of residents met with MBC this afternoon to seek clarification on points within the Draft Melton Local Plan(DMLP), to raise concerns and to identify what options exist to reduce the numbers back to a maximum of 300 as opposed to the 447 dwellings indicated. In line with the increased housing numbers the numbers of sites had increased from 3 to 9 sites.

The group wanted to let Jim Worley (JW) know the Parish concerns about the late shift in numbers and when was the best time to act to reduce the numbers and how could this be effected. The residents of Bottesford did not want the village to become a town.

JW understood and if the Council decides to reduce Bottesford numbers then he could change the proposals in the DMLP.

It was also pointed out that given the situation with Pru Chandler and David Wrights role in the Council resulted in poor representation for Bottesford that was getting more houses than any other village in the Borough.

The question was posed as to how the submissions should be made as someone had been told that their response was not in the appropriate format. JW said that all responses would be considered but it was better if the responses could be put in the required categories.

JW was asked how far the DMLP could be changed, with the answer that 'tweaks' could be made without going out to consultation but more substantial changes would necessitate another period of consultation.

JW confirmed that MBC now had a 5 year land supply.

With regard to the 'Duty to Co-operate', neither Rushcliffe nor South Kesteven need to intrude on Melton Borough.

Brian Attwood clarified where Asfordby were with their NP. Asfordby had been working on their NP for 5 years and they were also subject to an increase in dwelling numbers. They were, currently, 5 weeks into a 6 week consultation.

BB clarified that the response is from the Parish Council.

SL said we should proceed with what was said in the Emerging Options response, both Parish Council and the NPSG responded to the Emerging Options document in a similar way and our response to the DMLP should follow the same lines.

CL said that he was optimistic about the meeting with JW.

BS commented that JW had said that others had made representations and got their own way.

BS said that there were a lot of objections to Rectory Farm, SL said that there would be objections to any development site and Rectory Farm had been identified as the best location by Planning Consultants of national status.

Mr Ling said that developers would try to fail the Melton Local Plan.

CL said that the only definite view from the Parish would be when the NP goes to referendum.

Lots of discussion ensued around Rectory Farm.

RS said that he would produce a response from the NPSG based on the Emerging Options response.

It was stated that there was adequate housing in Rushcliffe and South Kesteven, there were large schemes at Newark and Grantham.

Most people travel east or west to work, few go to Melton from Bottesford.

It was proposed that the Response Document as written should be recommended to the Parish Council. A vote was taken 4-2 in favour of the proposal, the response will therefore be recommended to the Parish Council as their response.

4. Long Bennington Neighbourhood Plan

Long Bennington's Neighbourhood Development Plan had been sent to the SG for comment. RS had read the document and produced some notes which were read to the meeting. After a short discussion RS was requested to respond to SKDC agreeing to the contents. The notes are attached

14. Any other business.

CG commented that the increase in housing in Bottesford would be very damaging but if the increased numbers were allocated to Melton Mowbray the impact would be minimal.

CG also gave an update on his questionnaire that he had circulated throughout the Parish.

Dates of future Steering Group Meetings

Thursday 23rd February

Tuesday 21st March

Thursday 27th April

Tuesday 23rd May

All at 7.30pm in the Old School

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