

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

7.30 p.m. Tuesday 12th December 2017 – Old School

Present:

Steering Group Members

Bob Bayman (BB) – Chair
Richard Simon (RS) - Clerk
Colin Love (CL)
Susan Love (SL)
Cob George (CG)
Bob Lockey (RL)

Helpers

Anne Ablewhite (AA)
Michael Thomas (MT)

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed the members, helpers and visitor Michael Thomas to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Peter Darlow, Pru Chandler, Alan Gough, David Wright

3. To confirm and agree minutes of the Steering Group meeting November 2017

Due to computer problems no minutes were tabled these will be available as soon as possible.

4. Matters arising and actions from those minutes

None

5. Declarations of Interest

None

6. Melton Local Plan

Long Clawson Neighbourhood Plan (LCNP) has passed examination.

SL said that it had carried weight in the decisions made at a recent Planning Committee to review applications in Long Clawson. CL stated that one of the applications concerned a Grade II* Manor House and Grade II pond which was included for development in the MLP but not in the LCNP. The Planning Committee voted against this application and therefore against their own MLP.

When Jim Worley was asked what such a decision would have on the MLP he said it was not going to make his job easier.

It was mentioned that DW had previously tried to get 'Easthorpe 2' removed (Up to 18 houses west of Green Lane) but this was not accepted by MBC.

Jim Worley said that because the LCNP was ahead of the MLP it carried more weight but neither of them have yet achieved legal status.

The MLP Examination hearings will start at the end of January 2018.

Reserve sites were mentioned these were to be made available if other sites did not deliver, do we need to designate reserve sites in our NP.

RL said that one of the questions from the MLP Examiner was, paraphrasing, 'what was the process for reconciliation of the MLP with those of the NPs within the Borough'.

BB said that there was obvious confusion at MBC even with expert advice.

In answer to where we are in our NP compared to others in the Borough, there are 14 NPs in progress, one is finished, one is complete but under judicial review and one is in examination but due to contention this is taking some time.

BB commented that there is no point in trying to beat the MLP to the line. SL said that Jim Worley had said in the paper that Six Hills is in the MLP as a reserve site and will be used if necessary. SL suggested that Six Hills should be identified as our Reserve site.

CL pointed out that house numbers identified in the Plan for the proposed sites were minimum figures.

CL indicated that HEDNA figures had been used in the LCNP which are lower for this area than those in the MLP. The LCNP had also identified sites that would take the numbers allocated by the MLP. The MLP have increased these figures for growth and as was stated HEDNA is just one element in the MLPs proposed dwelling numbers.

CL asked how we deal with Six Hills and HEDNA in the NP.

7. Bottesford Parish Neighbourhood Plan –update

A draft, including the first 30 pages of the NP had been submitted to the Parish Council for comment. The draft was accepted by the PC although it was considered too heavy at the front end before it got to the decisions and it was considered that rearranging some of the sections might improve it. CL said that constructive advice was most welcome. The writing group were thanked for their efforts.

MT asked to see a copy of the document but it was to undergo changes and the fewer incomplete versions that were in circulation would reduce confusion. It was considered that once the Policies and criteria were finished we could ask RCC to look at it..

BB said that the NP would go to the PC in January and CL suggested a special meeting between the SG and PC to discuss the document. BB said that he planned to spend some time going over the NP in late December.

Co-op – There had been an application submitted for a Co-op on the former garage site in Grantham Road. It was understood to be in competition with the shops in the village centre and the existing Co-op would remain. CL considered that this could be very damaging to the Queen Street shops and the Select Convenience Store. It might however be of benefit to those at the east end of Bottesford and those residents in Easthorpe and Muston and reduce congestion in Queen Street.

CG said that the elderly would be disadvantaged if there was any reduction in the village centre retail offer. It was understood that this new Co-op would be open from 6am to 11pm and noise, traffic and light pollution to those living nearby may be a problem.

MT asked that if this was to go ahead could we reconsider the spread of preferred sites. It was considered that it may change views to those sites on Grantham Road.

BB suggested that given the traffic likely to be generated by this store that the 30 limit should be extended to beyond this Co-op.

RL suggested that the speed limit on Normanton Lane be reduced in association with that development.

CL suggested that a Retail Impact assessment be requested, although this is not normally necessary in this case it is a large store compared with others in the village with which it will be in direct competition.

8. Parish Council Update

This is Included in 7 above.

9. Agenda items and agree date of next Steering Group meeting-Tuesday 23rd January 2018

Neighbourhood Plan update

RCC to review NP

Independent Planning Advice.

Dr. J Thompson to be invited to speak to the SG.

10. Any other business

None

Dates of future Steering Group Meetings, all at 7.30pm in the Old School

Thursday 22nd February

Tuesday 20th March

Thursday 26th April

Tuesday 22nd May

Thursday 28th June

Tuesday 17th July

Thursday 23rd August

Tuesday 25th September

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