

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

7.30 p.m. Tuesday 17th January 2017 – 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

Anne Ablewhite (AA)
Kathy Sparham (KS)
Rob Lockey (RL)

Kathryn Price was in attendance.

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Pru Chandler, Annie Newman, Val Lever, David Wright, Barry Priestley, Alan Gough, Karen Gough, Dermot Daly, Bob Sparham. Neville Spick has tendered his resignation and will not attend future meetings.

3. To confirm and agree minutes of the meeting 1st November 2016

The minutes were agreed and proposed as correct by CL and seconded by CG.
KS mentioned that the Members and Helpers Review was not on the agenda, RS admitted to a clerical error and would include it on the February Agenda.

4. Matters arising and actions from those minutes

None

5. Declarations of Interest

None

6. East Midlands Trains service improvement - Update

It was confirmed that the Parish Council are taking this forward. RL said that there was a Department for Transport consultation in progress which ends on the 17th March and it is important to get our views included.

BB asked if there had been any progress in joining the Meeting/Action Group of those Nottingham Parish Councils that also have stations on the line.

Alan Gough is leading on this with support from RL.

7. Melton Local Plan - Update

The responses from the Parish Council and the Steering Group had been submitted prior to the closing date and MBC announced that they had received 450 responses from across the Borough. Given the increase in the number of houses and sites, cited in the Draft Melton Local Plan, over and above what was to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan, we could not proceed with the Neighbourhood Plan until there was some clarity around Melton's final decision. Whilst we cannot now, after the close of the Consultation Period, make any further comments on the Draft, the Steering Group and the Parish Council have responded to the Draft Document – setting out many

reasons for objecting to the proposed increase in housing allocation to Bottesford. It was proposed that we open a dialogue with Melton Planners so that we can get an early indication of their intended response to these objections. This was agreed.

AA suggested we push for the Six Hills site and have no new build in Bottesford. It was agreed that it would not be realistic to go for no building at all in the Parish.

RS had written to James Beverley asking how many responses had come from Bottesford Parish and there was some confusion over the meaning of the response. BB asked for a copy of this communication.

It had been suggested at the meeting in Melton on the 9th December that building the shortfall in the rural areas on a location(s) in Melton Mowbray would reduce the adverse impact on the Parish. It was agreed that Ward Councillors should be requested to push MBC for acceptance of our proposals and that the Parish Council and the Steering Group should also add pressure.

SL suggested that BB arranges a meeting with Jim Worley. The meeting should be from the Parish Council with delegates from the Steering Group and the process should include a pre meeting to clearly identify the queries and the answers required.

It was said that MBC wanted to resolve most of the issues before Inspection.

CL mentioned the Neighbourhood Plan website that MBC had started, RS circulated the details to those present and said that he had added his name to the contacts for Bottesford.

8. Independent Planning Advice

BB thanked those that had been involved in writing the Parish Council's response to the Melton Local Plan and the checking by the Planner that had been employed (Lance Wiggins) meant that few changes were necessary.

BB to ask Lance Wiggins what he suggests we should do next regarding the Melton Local Plan and progress with the Neighbourhood Plan.

9. Next steps on the Bottesford Parish Neighbourhood Plan

As stated above the NP was to be held in abeyance until there was further clarification from MBC.

RL suggested that we should review the proposed sites and those new ones such as Barketstone Lane. Barketstone Lane is a new site which is not on the SHLAA and is in the field opposite the schools and adjacent to Walnut Road. SL said that according to MBC's latest Flood Map most of the site was in Flood Zone 2. There is little known of this proposal, RS to write to Jim Worley and ask for further details.

The agreement not to proceed with the NP was confirmed and CL suggested that as the reports in the recent Village Voice issues had said that its publication was imminent, we needed to update the Parish as to the reason why there had been a delay. RS/CL will compose a suitable entry and get it agreed by the SG.

As well as the Village Voice it was agreed to put it on the website and BB would look at using the local radio service to maximize the coverage.

10. Parish Council Update

BB reported that the budget for the NP and particularly for the Independent Planning Advice is still in place.

11. Agenda items and date of next Steering Group Meeting - Thursday 23rd February 2017

Members and helpers review

Anaerobic Digester

12. Any other business.

SL said that recent circulars issued suggested that part of Rectory Farm was going to be for Industrial use. This was misleading and the reduction in site area was largely due to comments from Historic England relating to views, ridge and furrow etc.

CL said that no part of the Rectory Farm SHLAA had been allocated for Industrial Development. There was no allocation in the Melton Local Plan for that area and neither was it anything that had originated from the SG. It was unclear what Perfectos Inks would do with the small strip they had bought and of course there may be valid objections to any proposals to expand Perfectos.

Misleading information can unnecessary stress to residents and all circulars should be carefully worded so that only facts are presented.

BB said that what had happened last year was very unfortunate and portraying the SG as the 'bad guys', when we are trying to get the best for the Parish, has disadvantaged everyone.

RS to write a note, reminding the SG Members and Helpers and Parish Council members, about taking care in the wording used within circulars and notifications.

CG asked about the Anaerobic Digester proposed for near Easthorpe. BB said that the Parish Council had invited Raw Energy (the promoters of the scheme) to a meeting but they did not arrive. The status of the project is uncertain.

CG said that there were problems with the pumping Station in Pinfold Lane and that they would be looking for an upgrade as part of any Rectory Farm scheme. RS agreed to write to Colin Wilkinson for an update and clarification.

RS said that the Asfordby NP pre consultation period was over and responses could be seen on the Neighbourhood Planning website mentioned in 7 above.

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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