

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

7.30 p.m. Tuesday 1st November 2016 – Old School

Present:

Steering Group Members

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

Helpers

Leigh Donger (LD)
Neville Spick (NS)
Anne Ablewhite (AA)
Kathy Sparham (KS)
Bob Sparham (BS)

Mike Barker (MB)

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed attendees and Mike Barker to the meeting.

BB introduced the meeting by mentioning that discussion should be kept friendly with only one person talking at a time with no interruptions. If necessary all comments will have to be through the chair. BB also clarified that the Neighbourhood Plan could not argue or dictate numbers of houses only the locations at which they should be built.

2. Apologies for absence

Pru Chandler, Annie Newman, Val Lever, Heather Shephard, Barry Prestley, Alan Gough, Karen Gough, Rob Lockey, Yvette Smith , Dermot Daly

3. To confirm and agree minutes of the meeting 21st September 2016

The minutes were agreed, apart from the following item.

On item 11, penultimate sentence should read "...a liaison group involving many of the Parish Councils with stations ..." rather than 'the towns with stations'.

Minutes proposed as correct by DW and seconded by CL.

4. Matters arising and actions from those minutes

None

5. Declarations of Interest

NS declared his interest in his land on Easthorpe Road.

6. East Midlands Trains service improvement - Mike Barker

Mike Barker (MB) lives in Bottesford where the public transport service is woeful and whereas any improvement to the bus service would be problematic, more trains could stop at Bottesford Station. MB wrote to DW and Leicestershire CC have taken it up.

The time is right for reviewing our needs as the Franchise is up for renewal, submissions have to be made via the Department of Transport and they have a say in what happens with regard to the number of stops etc. Even with a 15 minute interval bus service into Nottingham, Radcliffe has still managed to negotiate 5 additional trains each day. It was noted that on the Poacher Line most stations were in Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire with Bottesford the only station on the line in Leicestershire. Bottesford Parish Clerk had written to the Parish Clerk at Radcliffe for Bottesford to be

represented at the discussion. EMT and D of T are key to the decisions, Byron Rhodes has expressed an interest.

CL asked if a fee was charged by Railtrack for each stop, MB thought that it was the 'train path' that was charged.

The current franchise was due to end in 2015 but has been extended to 2018.

It was considered that this issue should be addressed by the Parish Council rather than the NPSG and would therefore be referred to Alan Gough.

MB said that Radcliffe had produced a Business Plan in support of their application.

BS asked why the last train was so early, the given reason being rowdiness on late trains.

DW will ask the Parish Clerk to liaise with Radcliffe on Trent Parish Clerk. A check needs to be made with Byron Rhodes on the matter of LCC involvement.

7. Confidentiality

Discussion followed over action to be taken when a member of the Steering Group shared information with others when they had been specifically requested to keep it confidential and not to share it. The information concerned the draft Neighbourhood Plan which had been limited in circulation because amongst other reasons

a) It was incomplete and those not involved may have misunderstood the reasoning within the document and formed incorrect impressions which in fact did happen.

b) The information was commercially sensitive and the contents may have provided unequal and inappropriate benefits to the relevant stake holders.

It was also noted that this was not the first time the individual had shared information but the main issue of concern was the principle rather than the individual.

BS had what he referred to as the minutes of the meeting called by Julia Tobin where he argued that the minutes had been followed. It was pointed out that the meeting was not authorised by the Parish Council and it was made clear in the 'call to meeting' that notes and not minutes would be taken.

After looking at various forms of censure it was agreed that a letter would be written to the individual regarding his misdemeanors, this was proposed by BB and seconded by CL.

8. Melton Local Plan update

Concern was expressed that the numbers of houses proposed for the Parish had increased substantially after a long period of stability and discussion with MBC.

It had been ascertained from NPIERS that the NP could not discuss numbers but it could have an impact on the sites, design and types of housing.

We had heard that Asfordby were following the 1999 plan however it was clear that we must follow the emerging Local Plan.

BS asked why we had to follow the numbers of houses proposed and what happened to local democracy. CL commented that the Melton Local Plan (MLP) was coming up for consultation and we should object to the numbers in the consultation responses. BB added that if we didn't follow the MLP then our NP would not get past the Inspector.

The consultation period end was 8th November to the 19th December inclusive.

The total number of houses that MBC has to have built during the plan period, 2011 to 2036 is 6125 dwellings.

CL said that MBC has other options such as Six Hills. The numbers of houses was set at a maximum to enable a high level of sustainable growth and this was at 245 houses per year.

BS asked if SG could not act to reduce numbers, only through the MLP responses.

The question of Ward Counsellor representation was raised and it was made clear that although limited in what he can say DW supports Bottesford. It was agreed that the offered meeting with MBC Planners should be followed up.

AA said that villagers should be able to get together and complain, the existence of the Melton Reference Groups was cited as the means to get our views heard and there was limited attendance from the Parish.

DW said we can either fight the figures through the MLP or make the NP fit the numbers proposed in the MLP.

The sites had increased with the house numbers and there was objection to building north of the railway and the second site in Easthorpe. KS thought the site by the railway was acceptable and would provide car parking. CL said that residents views on house numbers should be taken into

account and with the Pre consultation Neighbourhood Plan all residents would have a chance to comment.

SL said that we needed a revised figure from Colin Wilkinson on Rectory Farm and he is likely to challenge the red areas that MBC has taken off the site area. The plan is to provide low density housing that will be an asset to the village.

No NP means that MBC decides where and as they have already proposed numbers a large number of sites will be the result. BB said that residents will not accept a large number of disparate sites.

LD said we cannot go on talking numbers

RS to obtain revised Rectory Farm dwelling numbers from Colin Wilkinson.

CG reiterated that building at the bottom of Beacon Hill was unacceptable and we should look at other sites if we couldn't reduce the numbers. It was confirmed that a Planning Consultant would not fight numbers but would assist in reviewing sites.

BS proposed a village meeting but it was felt that would not be useful as we would only get a small proportion of the villages and there would be lack of agreement as everyone brought forward their own NIMBY issues.

After much discussion a proposal that it was unnecessary to hold an open meeting during the consultation period was put forward by CL and seconded by DW. A vote was taken with a result of 5-0 for the proposal. A public meeting will therefore not be held.

9. Proposed Development in Church Lane, Muston

An outline plan for development on the SHLAA site in Church Lane Muston was shown to the meeting. The members were happy with the proposal as shown in that it was a linear development in keeping with the existing village housing.

RS was asked to enquire whether this counted against the house numbers for Bottesford Parish and to write to Colin Wilkinson saying we were happy with the outline plan.

10. Update on Independent Planning Advice

Approaches to NPIERS were not successful and Gary Kirk reaffirmed that we can't fight the numbers by means of the NP. However he could help with the Consultation response. BB to get a quote from him and get it approved by means of an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting if acceptable.

CL suggested that he looks at the proposed sites, SL asked for advice about the conditions that we can impose.

It was agreed that we needed an exhaustive meeting with him.

11. Progress report on the Bottesford Parish Neighbourhood Plan

A start had been made to see what changes would be necessary in the NP to address the increased house numbers but as these numbers have no support in the Parish, progress on the Plan has ceased until after the MLP consultation.

12. Parish Council Update

BB spoke strongly at the PC meeting addressing his remarks to Pru Chandler. There were points mentioned in the response from PCh that appeared to be more conjecture than fact. Bottesford did not need to grow to support retail premises as was suggested. BB was intending to meet PCh. The Parish Council felt that they were not getting support from MBC and Ward Councillors.

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

Meet the Planning Consultant

Timetable for NP

Finance

Members and helpers review

Anaerobic Digester

14. Any other business.

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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