

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

7.30 p.m. Tuesday 21st March 2017 – Old School

Present:

Steering Group Members

Bob Bayman (BB) - Chair
Richard Simon (RS) - Clerk
Colin Love (CL)
Susan Love (SL)
Dermot Daly (DD)

Helpers

Alan Gough (AG)
Bob Lockey (RL)
Anne Ablewhite (AA)
Kathy Sparham (KS)
Ruth Manchester was in attendance

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed the members, helpers and visitor Ruth Manchester to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

David Wright, Barry Priestley, Val Lever, Cob George, Pru Chandler, Annie Newman, Bob Sparham

3. To confirm and agree minutes of the Steering Group meeting 23RD February 2017

The minutes were agreed and proposed as correct by CL and seconded by SL.

4. Matters arising and actions from those minutes

None

5. Declarations of Interest

None

6. Melton Local Plan – Update

The Melton Local Plan has been delayed in going to the Full Council mainly because the quantity of affordable housing set out in the plan had been shown to be non-viable due to the cost of the Melton Ring Road and associated infrastructure. MBC wanted the Full Council to agree the way forward by the end of March. It was decided to hold back on progressing the writing of the Neighbourhood Plan until the Melton Local Plan has become clearer and in the meantime lobby to keep the house numbers down.

Since the Parish could not be adequately represented by our Borough Councillors we are seeking surrogate representation and Byron Rhodes has agreed to take on this role for Bottesford.

Because of the relative importance of the matters relating to Bottesford in the emerging Local Plan it was agreed that we needed to make most of the time during the presentation by identifying the core issues.

AA asked if Byron Rhodes could give us some ideas, discussion is still proceeding.

CL said that it is getting late to achieve a March meeting. Furthermore we have not heard whether a 'tweak' is possible or whether a further consultation would be necessary. To achieve the reductions at Bottesford, wanted by the residents, could not be attained by a tweak, a tweak being a very limited change in the Plan.

Query was raised that with the imminent County Council elections would Purdah play a part in delaying Byron Rhodes' input.

RL queried MBC's housing numbers as set out in the Plan in relation to the lower figures that had been issued under HEDNA.

BB asked why, if HEDNA had proposed a little over 4000 houses for Melton Borough, what was the

reason for 6125 houses identified in the Melton Local Plan. The additional houses were considered to be in order to pay for the Melton Ring Road.

DD asked about the report, RS said it would be circulated with the minutes.

The status of the Barkestone Lane scheme was queried, it is not in the Melton Local Plan to date but is on the SHLAA list.

RL asked why we had never received an answer over the 18% error in the allocation to Botesford due to them including the whole parish rather than just those living in Bottesford Village.

SL asked why Six Hills scheme was not being pursued. AA claimed that we had never supported Six Hills, this was incorrect, we had done so in our responses to the Emerging Local Plan.

CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) money is being redefined.

SL said that at a recent Planning Meeting the HEDNA figures carried no weight in the Local Plan and CL reiterated the risks to Bottesford and the Borough if the Melton Local Plan should fail.

There was a heated discussion over whether -

1) We should have pushed forward our Neighbourhood Plan with 300 dwellings included. We had been advised by MBC as well as independent Planners that that would be ineffective as it was not in line with the Emerging Melton Local Plan.

2) We should have submitted our Neighbourhood Plan with the dwelling numbers included in the Emerging Melton Local Plan, this was against the known views of the residents derived from questionnaires and consultation.

RS to chase EA over Flood Investigation progress.

7. Communication and Publicity

Discussion covered how best to get information particularly concerning potential developments to Parish Residents along with the confidentiality that pertained in some issues. Although it would appear we were being secretive it was felt that notification should only be circulated widely once a Planning Application was in force. Before that time there would be appreciable uncertainty and the accuracy of any information circulated could not be confirmed leading to possible unwarranted concern to those affected.

RL suggested a review of all the sites giving reasons for their selection and not just those on the SHLAA list.

8. Review of members and helpers

KS asked about Membership., BB asked if he should forward a proposal and this was agreed.

SL said that we should not include helpers that denigrate the Steering Group and act against it.

KS suggested AA, RL and herself. BB asked if he should forward a proposal and this was agreed.

9. Parish Council Update

Nothing to report

10. Agenda items and agree date of next steering group meeting -Tuesday 25th July 2017

Melton Local Plan

Recommendation on Members and Helpers

Flooding Investigation by EA

SHLAA Sites

11. Any other business

Rectory Farm update, make enquiries.

CL raised the matter that Bottesford Forum had financially supported BS as Parish Councilor

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

Tuesday 25th July

Wednesday 23rd August

Thursday 21st September

Tuesday 17th October

Tuesday 21st November

Tuesday 12th December

Circulation list:-

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