



Minutes of the **Neighbourhood Plan Committee** Meeting
held on **Wednesday 16 October 2019** at 7:15pm in the Committee Room
at the Botley Centre, High Street, Botley

Present:

Voting Cllr members: Cllr David Weeden (Meeting Chairman); Graham Hunter, Jeff Jones, Colin Mercer, Stephen Wildin

Voting non-Cllr members: Hugh Dixon, Peter Kemp

Non-voting non-Councillor member: Jonathan Appleby (elected during the meeting)

In attendance:

Minutes Secretary: Mrs Rosemary Nimmo

Non-Committee Councillors: 0

Members of the Public: 1

87/19/NPC Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence for personal or business reasons were received from Cllr Ron Clark, Cllr Sue Grinham and Mike Anthony

88/19//NPC Declarations of Interest

No declarations of personal or pecuniary interest were made in relation to items on the Agenda.

89/19/NPC To approve Neighbourhood Plan Committee minutes of 28 September 2019

The Minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

90/19/NPC Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

There were no matters arising.

91/19/NPC Chairman's report

The Chairman welcomed Jonathan Appleby who had come to observe the meeting with a view to joining the Committee in due course.

NP information and links had been posted on Nextdoor Botley and on the Botley Village News & Info (Hampshire), Boorley Park Residents and Friends of Botley School Facebook Pages.

92/19/NPC Question time/public session

There was no input at this stage.

93/19/NPC Update on new members

93.1 Jonathan Appleby had agreed to put his name forward as a non-voting member.

93.2 The Chairman proposed that Jonathan Appleby be elected as a non-voting member of the BNPC. This was seconded by Cllr Hunter and all were in agreement.

93.3 The Chairman hoped that Mr Appleby would apply to BPC to become a voting member of the Committee.

93.4 Members were asked to keep looking for new members. Just one or two more recruits would mean that we would reach parity between Cllr and non-Cllr members.

94/19/NPC Botley Traders survey

Cllr Mercer was working with Derek Oswald to produce a report for the next meeting.

95/19/NPC New Homes Bonus Scheme

95.1 The NHBS is a government initiative pays a percentage of the Community Charge for each new build property for 6 years after occupation. This money was intended to assist with infrastructure projects. However, EBC seemed to be allocating it to the purchase of Affordable Housing, without consultation with the community that is a requirement of the scheme.

95.2 The Committee discussed what position should be taken over EBC's management of the NHBS funding. We were making reference to the scheme in two places in the NP but this could become a contentious issue. Cllr Jones had received a somewhat hostile response when speaking to sources nearer to the Borough Council and Cllr Hunter said that there was no reference to the matter in any of the EBC Minutes to date. However, Cllr Mercer had heard a hint that some of the money might be used to provide the much-needed footbridge over the railway at Boorley Green.

95.3 The Chairmen thought it was important that we take the right steps for the benefit of Botley and other Eastleigh local communities. Cllr Mercer suggested that it might be appropriate to send a small delegation to discuss the matter with EBC. He was asked to give this some thought and to consider whether the group should consist of Parish Cllrs or members of the BNPC.

96/19/NPC Botley Neighbourhood Plan draft Visions & Objectives feedback

- 96.1 Two documents, the original Objectives (Objectives v12) and the current responses by category (Vision & Objectives sort v1) had been circulated with the Agenda to allow consideration of:
- a revised draft of the V&O, and;
 - the next steps in community consultation
- All received comments from the community would be appended to the NP
- 96.2a The Chairman took the meeting through the 84 public comments received and a decision was made on each one. Those suggestions that were approved would be added by inserting new wording in the appropriate section of the draft V&O. Other comments were considered either to have been covered already in various ways, to be beyond the remit of the NP or, in a few cases, to be completely impossible.
- 96.2b Some additional suggestions made by the members were:
- Improved insulation for existing properties;
 - Public open space between Woodhouse and Holmesland Lanes;
 - Regular use of SPIDS to discourage speeding;
 - The possibility of overspill parking at Uplands Farm, Woodhill School or Botley Fire Station, if any of this land became available, and;
 - Bob Nimmo suggested more attractive and eye-catching Heritage signs at the entrances to the Village.
- 95.2c The Chairman would make the necessary alterations to the V&O document and circulate it for comment. He would then send it to Planet for their opinion.
- 96.3a The Chairman told the Committee that we urgently needed to consider the next steps in community consultation. He suggested one or two focussed meetings of 2 to 2 ½ hours to present the second draft of the V&O and to get residents' support for the NP. One might be held at the Botley Centre and another at Botley Park Hotel. Planet would attend to give us any necessary support.
- 96.3b Cllr Jones said that the meetings must be advertised widely to make sure that all areas of the Parish were well informed. Perhaps there could be a third meeting for West Botley. The Chairman would consider this after getting costings for Planet's attendance.
- 96.3c There was discussion of other ways to disseminate the information, such as a letter drop. Cllr Wildin thought that, if there was time, knocking on doors would produce a good result. In any case the Chairman would send details of the meetings to the various Facebooks and the winter edition of Botley News, the December issue of the Botley Bridge and post them on the Parish noticeboards.
- 96.4 After the results of these meetings had been assimilated either a Condition Statement or the first draft of the NP would be prepared, with the assistance of Planet. Drop-in sessions could then be held for the next stage of public consultation.

97/19/NPC Documents for noting

- BPC Report 2019-10-08 in NP Reports to Parish Council
- NP Change list 2019-10-08 in NP Reports to Parish Council
- NP Updates Sep 2019 in NP Updates
- Working Groups & Workstreams v17.docx in NP Documents (non-public)/Other Documents

98/19/NPC Documents passed into the public domain

- None this month

99/19/NPC Documents for next meeting

- Locality green matters - no WP at present
- Surveys - no WP at present
- Transport - no WP at present

The Chairman encouraged the relevant WGs to produce these documents for the November meeting..

100/19/NPC Documents for this meeting

- Economy WP wg v7 2019 in NP Documents/Economy
- Health WP wg v5 2019 in NP Documents/Health
- Infrastructure WP bpc v22 2019 in NP Documents/Infrastructure

These documents to be discussed under relevant WGs.

101/19/NPC Working Groups.

- 101.1 Communications
The Chairman had updated the public communications log to include our input to Nextdoor Botley and the various Facebook Pages.

101.2 Economy

101.2a There had been no change to the WP v7 as members had had other commitments this month. Cllr Jones said that they would be developing the Paper for the next meeting. The Chairman reminded him that reference documents could be hyper-linked in the Paper.

101.2b Jonathan Appleby had volunteered to join the Economy WG and his help was gratefully accepted.

101.3 Education

Cllr Jones had detailed the local voluntary groups, U3A, Botley & Curdrige History Society and Probus, in the Community Action section of the WP.

101.4 Health

101.4a The Chairman said health provision was clearly a big issue for the residents. He was pleased to have two GPs and a local dentist working with him and much of the WP was now completed. The following items had been added:

- Extra sections on Care Navigators, Social Presenting; Physiotherapy and Podiatry Services, Rest, Care and Nursing Homes had all been completed.
- Virtually all the section on St. Luke's & Botley Surgeries was finished and information about the possible merger with Living Well had been updated.
- Details of local dental services had been added but a check was needed on the accuracy of the NHS Choices website and why there were apparent impediments to Practices taking on NHS work.

Details of the Eastleigh Health and Wellbeing Strategy, Health and Wellbeing activities in Botley and Social Services provision were still to be completed.

101.4b Cllr Hunter asked if details of opticians and hearing aid suppliers should be included. The Chairman said that he would consider this for the next meeting.

101.5 Housing

Cllr Hunter warned that there would be a heavy workload for the BNP committee if the Local Plan were to fail its Examination. The Chairman agreed but said that Planet thought the LP would probably get through. If it did not they would guide us on any necessary actions.

101.6 Infrastructure

Peter Kemp said that there had been no further changes to the Paper. The Chairman reported that HEWEB had produced an updated Community & Infrastructure Priorities list.

101.7 Locality

Cllr Mercer said that David Burgess will produce a short paper on Music in Botley.

101.8 Transport

The original WP had been discarded as so much of it was out of date. Cllr Mercer presented the members with a short overview of the new Paper, which consisted of three sections dealing with Botley Village, Boorley Green with North Botley, and West Botley, respectively. Brief notes of the proposed content appeared under each section. Cllr Mercer was working on expanding these notes into a detailed WP. He said that, as soon as construction of the By-pass began, all transport suggestions would be thrown open to public discussion.

The Chairman said that we would look forward to the next draft.

102/19/NPC Correspondence

There had been no correspondence this month

103/19/NPC Date of next meeting

Wednesday 20 November 2019 at 7.15 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.