



Minutes of the **Neighbourhood Plan Committee** Meeting
held on **Wednesday 20 November 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: Jonathan Appleby, Peter Kemp

In attendance:

Minutes Secretary: Mrs Rosemary Nimmo

Non-Committee Councillors: 0

Members of the Public: 1

104/19/NPC Apologies for absence

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

105/19//NPC Declarations of Interest

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

106/19/NPC To approve the Neighbourhood Plan Committee minutes of 16 October 2019

The Minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

10719/NPC Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

There were no matters arising.

108/19/NPC Chairman's report

The Chairman first welcomed Jonathan Appleby as a full voting member of the BNP Committee, as confirmed at the recent Botley Parish Council (BPC) meeting.

Then he reported that the BPC had appointed Tony Charles, of Portchester Planning Consultancy, to represent them at the EBC Local Plan hearings. BPC are objecting to:

Policy S7	Countryside and green infrastructure, and	
Policy S8	Protection of Countryside gaps	Hearing on 5 December 2019
Site allocation	BO1 and BO3, and	
Other Matters	Healthcare provision	Hearing on 28 January 2020

Tony Charles is working with Cllr Hunter, Cllr Mercer and the Chairman to fully represent our residents' interests.

109/19/NPC Question time/public session

Nothing at this time

110/19/NPC Updates on new members

The Chairman thought that, ideally, we still needed two more non-Councillor members, which would add more weight to our community involvement. He asked everyone to keep looking for willing volunteers.

111/19/NPC Botley Traders Survey report

111.1 Derek Oswald had produced a draft report of the consultation with the Botley Traders (circulated with the Minutes). There was Committee comment that the survey covered only businesses in the Square, but Cllr Mercer pointed out that the survey had been specifically commissioned to discuss the future of the Square after the by-pass was built. The results could help to support BPC dealings with Hampshire County Council over future transport decisions.

In reply to a query from Cllr Jones regarding the report's place in the NP, the Chairman said that it should be considered as a survey to inform various sections of the NP, such as Transport and Economy. The title of the document should reflect this. Consultations with businesses from other parts of the Parish could best be included under Economy.

The Chairman said that he would like to have a final version of the report for presentation at the next BNPC meeting. Any comments should go to him by 12 December.

111.2 Cllr Mercer reported that Cllr Wildin had held a constructive meeting with some of the Botley Traders on the previous evening, with a view to resurrecting the old Botley Traders Association in a new format and probably with a new name.

111.3 Peter Kemp asked who had the final say on any redesign of the Square. Cllr Mercer and the Chairman confirmed that, although there would be public consultation, HCC would make the final decision.

112/19/NPC New Homes Bonus

The Parish Council had agreed that proper public consultation on this subject was needed. However, there was little likelihood of anyone from EBC being available to discuss the matter, at least until the New Year.

113/19/NPC Implications of Community Aspirations

- 113.1 So far the NP had 46 Aspirations, with possibly more to come. After the NP was made these would have to be dealt with in some way. The Chairman had already had some consultation with the BPC about this. It would be an enormous task for the Councillors to attempt to deliver that many aspirations, together with all their other Parish commitments, and taking into account the fact that the BPC was not the body empowered to make the necessary changes. There were several suggested possibilities:
- Aspirations could be just left in abeyance, but the residents were likely to feel very let down. Cllr Jones thought that they must at least be given regular updates;
 - The BPC could select those that they felt able to deal with, leaving others aside for possible attention sometime in the future, or;
 - A separate Committee might be formed, mainly of non-Councillors, to deal with the aspirations, and to regularly review the BNP, ready for its five-yearly update.
- 113.2 After discussion in the Committee it was generally agreed that the way forward would be to set up a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee with strong community participation with perhaps no more than two Councillor members. This would report back regularly to the BPC, who would have to approve any major decisions or actions involving external organisations. It was hoped that finance to undertake the work would be available from various funding streams administered by the BPC. Rosemary Nimmo thought that it was important that the residents continued to feel strongly involved in Botley's future and such a Steering Committee would support this. Cllr Jones said that representation must be balanced across the Parish. However, the Chairman suggested that the first step would be to find willing volunteers. Cllr Mercer thought that more than one Committee might be needed, or, as with the BNPC, it could be one central group with small spin-off units dealing with specific items. Therefore, it was agreed that the Chairman would advise the BPC, on behalf of the BNPC, to consider setting up an appropriate group to carry forward the work on the Aspirations after the BNP was made. They might also wish to set out a Community Business Plan to support the ongoing work.
- 113.3 In order to deal with the Aspirations included in the BNP they would have to be organised in some way, such as dividing into groups or prioritising. The Chairman said that the BPC would expect the BNPC to do this, once the Working Papers were finalised. Cllr Hunter thought that we should first seek guidance on what actions were in our power before taking further steps. In general, the Committee agreed that a system of priorities would be needed. After discussion it was felt that three categories would be appropriate, the first containing definitely achievable aspirations, the second those that might be achievable somewhat later and the third those that might only prove achievable in the long term, if at all.

114/19/NPC BNP Draft Vision and Objectives

- 114.1 Objectives from Economy, Health, Locality Green Matters and Transport had not yet been included in Vision and Objectives, but some might already be covered in other Papers. Once these Objectives were available the Chairman would work through to identify any other items that needed to be included as Objectives or Aspirations.
- 114.2 The Chairman reminded the Committee about the Public Meetings that had been arranged for 7.30 pm on 07 January 2020 in the Jubilee Hall, and at the same time on 17 January 2020 in Botley Market Hall. These had already been publicised in the Botley News. Help would be needed from 7.00 pm to set up the rooms and the Chairman asked the BNPC members to support him at these meetings. Planet would attend to advise and to act as a buffer, should it prove necessary.

115/19/NPC Documents for noting

- BPC Report 2019-11-12 in NP Reports to Parish Council
- NP Change list 2019-11-12 in NP Reports to Parish Council
- NP Updates Oct 2019 in NP Updates
- Broadband DC&LG guidance in NP Documents (non-public)/Infrastructure
- Broadband HCC guidance 2015 in NP Documents (non-public)/Infrastructure
- EBC 5-year Land Supply 2019 in NP Documents (non-public)/Housing
- EBC Infrastructure Consultation 2016 in NP Documents (non-public)/Infrastructure
- EBC Local Plan South Downs National Park agreement in NP Documents (non-public)/Other Documents

It was noted that the fact that there was a planning application for land at BO1 had been omitted from the EBC 5-year Land Supply appendix. Tony Charles would be raising the matter at the Local Plan hearings.

116/19/NPC Documents passed into the public domain

No documents had passed to the public domain this month

117/19/NPC Documents for next meeting

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

- Traders Report

118/19/NPC Updated Working Papers

Specific changes to the following Working Papers are detailed on the Changes to WPs 2019-11 which was circulated with the Agenda:

- B SHLAA WP bpc v20 2019
- Communication WP wg v9 2019
- Education WP bpc v9 2019
- Infrastructure WP bpc v24 2019

119/19/NPC Documents for this meeting

- Economy WP wg v9 2019 in NP Documents (non-public)/Economy
- Health WP wg v6 2019 in NP Documents (non-public)/Health
- Transport WP wg v4 2019 in NP Documents (non-public)/Transport

To be dealt with under relevant WGs

120/19/NPC Working Groups

120.1 Communications

No new work here at this time.

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120.2 Economy

Jonathan Appleby, Cllr Jones and Cllr Wildin had added to and amended the Economy Working Paper. Some points highlighted were:

- 2.1 Hyperlinks would lead to the EBC Business Directory and the newly updated Botley Business Guide;
- 2.2 This contains a comprehensive new list of the types of shopping, service, hospitality and recreation facilities available around the Parish;
- Feedback from the new Botley business group (formerly Botley Traders Association) will contribute to the BNP, and;
- An extra objective had been added at (f).

It was agreed that the Chairman would present this paper for acceptance at the next BPC meeting.

120.3 Education

It was noted that the Boorley park Primary School had now opened.

120.4 Health

120.4a The Chairman had just had a very long meeting with Dr. Ruth Padday and Dr Carol Trotter, which meant that the Health paper now needed extensive amendment. Once this was done members should read it and comment to the Chairman.

120.4b Part of the BPC evidence to be presented at the Local Plan Hearings was to challenge the EBC statement that there were no problems with local healthcare provision. Tony Charles thought that our health findings would be of considerable interest to the Inspector, but the paper would have to be submitted by the coming Friday 22 November at 5 pm. Having removed the parts of the Health paper that would not be needed for this purpose the Chairman would undertake to submit the amended document to Tony Charles by the deadline.

However, the final version would not have been approved by BPC before it went into the public domain and this would break the BPC ruling on BNP papers. After discussion it was decided that the paper should go as a Draft. All five Councillors at the meeting then agreed that it could be put in the public domain for the purpose of the Local Plan hearing.

120.5 Housing

Nothing more to report this month.

120.6 Infrastructure

Nothing to report on this.

120.7 Locality

The work preparing a paper on Green Matters, Musical Culture, Community Events, Libraries and Places of Worship was on-going and a paper should be available for the next meeting. Cllr Clark was in need of some additional help and the Chairman asked any members willing to volunteer to contact him.

120.8 Transport

120.8a The Chairman said that Cllr Mercer had been ferociously busy with Parish matters and so Cllr Hunter had lent a hand with this paper. Cllr Mercer said that he was greatly indebted to Cllr Clark and Cllr Hunter for their help. Unfortunately, Cllr Clark had felt it necessary for health reasons to leave the WG for the time being. Cllr Mercer would now finalise the paper.

120.8b There was discussion about a possible footpath on the east bank of the Hamble, which Curdridge hoped to include in the Local Plan for their Parish. This was something we would wish to support but as it was

not in Botley Parish it could not be included as an Objective in the BNP. However, it could be mentioned in relation to good access to Botley Village and Botley Railway Station.

121/NPC Correspondence

There was no correspondence this month.

122/19/NPC Date of next meeting

Wednesday 18 December 2019 at 7.15 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.