



Minutes of the **Neighbourhood Plan Committee** Meeting
held on **Wednesday 18 December 2019** at 7:15pm in the Committee Room
at the Botley Centre, High Street, Botley

Present:

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

Voting non-Cllr members: Mike Anthony, Jonathan Appleby, Peter Kemp

In attendance:

Minutes Secretary: Mrs Rosemary Nimmo

Non-Committee Councillors: 0

Members of the Public: 1

123/19/NPC Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence for personal or business reasons were received from Ron Clark, Hugh Dixon, Sue Grinham, Graham Hunter

124/19/NPC Declarations of Interest

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

125/19/NPC To approve Neighbourhood Plan Committee minutes of 20 November 2019

The Minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

126/19/NPC Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

There were no matters arising.

127/19/NPC Chairman's report

- 127.1 The Chairman was sorry to report that Cllr Ron Clark had resigned from the BNPC because of health concerns. He had written to thank Cllr Clark for all his work for this Committee and to say that he would be welcomed back at any time.
- 127.2 A 59th Community Aspiration had been added to Vision & Objectives. This was to create a Heritage Trail to complement the existing Cobbett and Strawberry Trails and to link to the Botley Museum when it was developed.
- 127.3a The BPC had agreed that, if all the Community Aspirations were to be pursued, there would need to be a Community Plan Steering Group, probably developed from the BNPC. This would report and be answerable to the BPC and would also recommend priorities. It should mainly consist of community representatives, with one or two Parish Council members.
- 127.3b The Community Aspirations would form an Appendix to the BNP.
- 127.4 Cllrs Hunter and Weeden had attended the EBC Local Plan hearing on 05 December, together with Tony Charles the BPC's planning consultant. The Inspector had dealt with:
- 127.4a Policy S7 *New developments in the Countryside*, which EBC had identified as their second highest priority during their community engagement exercise. Therefore, it would seem to be their intention to protect the countryside.
- 127.4b Policy S8 *Protection of Countryside Gaps*:
- There was a long, somewhat aggressive by the developers, discussion about the methodology used by EBC in their review of Countryside Gaps (CG), apparently to be renamed Settlement Gaps, by EBC;
 - EBC told the Inspector that they now accepted the BPC contention that the land East of Sovereign Drive and Precosa Road lay outside the settlement boundary and had no valid planning permission and, therefore, must be in the Countryside;
 - BPC asked that land between the western edge of Botley Village and Brook Lane be reinstated as a CG. This would be considered by EBC, who would report back to the Inspector, and;
 - BPC also asked that land to the east of BO1 (Maddoxford Lane) should be designated as a CG. The Inspector asked Tony Charles to supply EBC with maps and details of the area. The developers' representatives objected strongly to this proposal.
- 127.4c The next representations by BPC would be at the hearing on 28 January 2020, which would deal with land at BO1, land at BO3 and Healthcare Provision.

128/19/NPC Question time/public session

Mr Robert Nimmo expressed the hope that provision of a Botley Museum would definitely go ahead, as there was a plethora of local history information and possible exhibits.

129/19/NPC Updates on new members

No more new members had been identified at present..

130/19/NPC Botley Traders Survey

This had been renamed the High Street and Botley Mills Traders Survey. Derek Oswald had expressed himself happy with the paper so the Chairman would present it to the next BPC meeting on 14 January meeting. Any comments should go to him by 6 January.

131/19/NPC New Homes Bonus Scheme

On behalf of this Committee the Chairman would encourage BPC to press EBC for a meeting date to discuss lack of consultation on this matter.

132/19/NPC Documents for noting

- BPC Report 2019-12-10 in NP Reports to Parish Council
- NP Change list 2019-12-10 in NP Reports to Parish Council
- NP Updates Dec 2019 in NP Updates

133/19/NPC Documents passed into the public domain

- Economy WP bpc v10 2019 in NP Evidence Base
- Health & Wellbeing WP bpc v10 2019 in NP Evidence Base
- Health & Wellbeing WP bpc v10 Appendix 2019 in NP Evidence Base

As agreed at the last meeting the Chairman had passed a sub-set of the Health and Wellbeing papers to Tony Charles and thus on to the LP Inspector.

134/19/NPC Documents for next meeting

A Locality WP on green matters is in preparation.

135/19/NPC Updated Working Papers

- Communication WP wg v9 2019

Changes had been made to the organisation of various sections of the Communications WP.

136/19/NPC Documents for this meeting

- Surveys WP wg v1 2019 in NP Documents (non-public)/Surveys
- Surveys Appendix 1 to 5 2019 in NP Evidence Base

To be dealt with under the appropriate WG.

137/19/NPC Working Groups

137.1 Communications

137.1a Public meetings to discuss the updated version of Vision & Objectives would take place on 07 and 13 January 2020, as advertised. Proceedings would begin at 7.30 p.m. with tea and coffee and about 45 minutes to look at exhibition boards, evidence base documents and other material. There would then be an open forum, introduced by the Chairman and steered by Planet, who would ensure that the consultation exercise was correctly carried out. The Chairman asked that as many Committee members as possible should attend to assist with the practical arrangements and to communicate with the visitors.

137.1b The Chairman reminded the members that Objectives were only those matters that could be carried out as part of the planning process. All other matters were aspirations, although some of these would be in the power of BPC. Only Objectives would be included in the NP; aspirations would be attached in an appendix, probably with a plan for managing them. Cllr Mercer said that it was essential to make clear to the residents that the BPC was required to pay attention to all community aspirations.

137.1c Conclusions from the 2016 survey and public meetings were now included in the Communications WP. and had been sent round for comments or corrections. The 2017 survey still needed some more work but would be ready in about a week.

137.2 Economy

Cllr Wildin reported that good progress was being made in re-constituting the Botley Traders Association, and that the group would be renamed. They would meet again after the public meetings.

137.3 Education

There had been only minor changes to the WP.

137.4 Health

The WP was virtually complete, but the Chairman had been frustrated by inability to get patient numbers from the St Luke's practice despite several requests. (*Post meeting note, figures now available, patient number in November 2017 was 12,042 and in November 2019 was 11,368*)

137.5 Housing

Cllr Hunter was keeping the papers regularly updated.

137.6 Infrastructure
No changes this month.

137.7 Locality
Cllr Jones had met with Cllr Hunter and Mike Anthony to put together a draft Green Matters document, which now needed comment and input from other Committee members. However, Cllr Jones had concerns about what should be included in the paper and how it should be organised. There was discussion about the positioning of the environmental data from the two community surveys, but no decision was made. The Chairman pointed out that the survey results represented only 7% of the population and might not be a majority opinion; he thought that they might best be positioned at the end of the paper.
Cllr Jones said they had tried to include the four main strands of EBC green policy. The Chairman said that the paper should lay out how the BPC and the community could work together to develop appropriate policies and, in turn, work with EBC and HCC in their time scale. Environmental objectives must be achievable through the planning process or otherwise could only be aspirations. We must not raise community expectations over objectives that were not within our powers to achieve.
Some of the proposed objectives and aspirations might already be in other WPs but would need to be included also in Locality paper.
The Chairman congratulated the three WG members on a splendid piece of work. If they were willing, he would work on corrections and amendments to the WP and send it back to the WG before circulating to the rest of the committee.

137.8 Transport
Cllr Mercer said that he was happy with the WP as it now stood. However, he was recommending that BPC should do a survey of Boorley Green residents to seek their opinions of the traffic situation around the hamlet and the new developments. The evidence gathered could go into the Transport paper. The Chairman thought that it might be too late for inclusion, as Planet were keen to start writing the NP quite soon, assuming the public meetings went well.

137.9 The Chairman said that we had the next two or three weeks to try to get all the WPs into a fit state for display at the public meetings.

138/NPC Correspondence
There was no correspondence this month.

139/19/NPC Date of next meeting

Wednesday 15 January 2020 at 7.15 pm..

The meeting closed at 8.49 p.m.