



Minutes of the **Neighbourhood Plan Committee Meeting**
held on **Wednesday 19 February 2020** 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 (for later part of meeting), 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

157/19/NPC Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence for personal or business reasons were received from Hugh Dixon and Sue Grinham.

158/19/NPC Declarations of Interest

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

159/19/NPC To approve the Neighbourhood Plan Committee minutes of 15 January 2020

The Minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

160/19/NPC Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

There were no matters arising.

161/19/NPC Chairman's report

At the recent BPC meeting the Chairman had once again expressed our concern that no meeting had yet been arranged to discuss the National Homes Bonus Scheme with the Leader of Eastleigh Borough Council, Cllr Keith House, whose portfolio includes this Scheme. The Chairman said that he was aware that Cllr Mercer was heavily involved in dealing with the new BPC responsibilities at Boorley Green and suggested that he should offer to undertake appropriate contact with EBC if Cllr Mercer wished it. The Committee agreed that this was a good idea.

162/19/NPC Question time/public session

Nothing at this time.

163/19/NPC New members update

Kaylee Stephens was still interested in becoming more involved but was not able to be at this meeting. Just one more member of the public would be ideal, the Chairman said.

164/19/NPC Update on EBC Local Plan hearings

164.1 The Chairman and Cllr Hunter had attended the penultimate hearing on the 28 January with Tony Charles (TC), the BPC planning consultant, in order to make representations on the following matters:

- BO1 South of Maddoxford Lane
There was vigorous discussion on the developer's wish to increase housing numbers from 30 to 60. Neither the EBC Officers nor BPC supported this, as they wished to see a density more suited to the countryside edge of the development
- BO3 Kings Copse Avenue
EBC had agreed to an increase from 70 to 120 houses on this site but the Inspector queried the lack of Mineral investigations on what was a potentially rich site,
- Health and Wellbeing
BPC challenged EBC's statement that there was adequate healthcare provision for the new developments and EBC accepted that this was incorrect

164.2 After cemetery provision for another part of the Borough was raised under Wellbeing, the Inspector allowed TC to record such a need for Botley.

164.3 It was understood that, in her closing address of the hearings, the Inspector had told the EBC planners not to carry out any further work on the LP until they heard from her. Her decision was now awaited.

164.4 Referring to the 05 December hearing Cllr Hunter said that TC's evidence on countryside/settlement gaps should be included in the NP.

164.5 It was noted by this Committee that the Patient Participation Group from St Luke's surgery had sent their written concerns to Keith House during the consultation but EBC denied receiving such a letter.

165/19/NPC Report on meeting with Planet

The Chairman and Cllr Hunter met with Liz Bourne and Becky Hopkinson from Planet on 13 February 2020 to decide the next steps for the NP.

165.1 It was agreed that all final comments on the 15 Working Papers must be made at this meeting or in writing to the Chairman by 03 March 2020. Procedure would then be as follows:

- Planet would produce a skeleton draft of the BNP consisting of Headings, Policies and a small amount of text. If they thought any further evidence was needed the BNPC would be asked to provide it;
- Once the first draft of the BNP was created it would be passed to this Committee for comment, sometime in April, it was hoped;
- After any revisions had been made the first full draft would be put out for community consultation, hopefully some time in June, and at the same time it would be submitted to EBC for screening. It was possible, but probably unlikely, that a Strategic Environmental Assessment and a Habitats Regulation Assessment might be requested. In that case we would ask Locality for Technical Support and if this was granted, they would commission and pay for the surveys, and;
- The full consultation draft would then be created for use in the Regulation 14 pre-submission formal consultation with the community and statutory and interested bodies. It was hoped that this would take place in September after which any necessary modifications would be carried out by the BNPC.

165.2 The Chairman explained that once our Neighbourhood Plan had been submitted for examination then it was under the control of EBC and the Government Inspectorate. Then EBC had responsibility for the remainder of the stages in taking the BNP to its Public Referendum. From the point of submission, the BNP would carry some legal weight. Getting the BNP to the point of submission would be important if problems continued with the Local Plan and the Chairman was pressing Planet to move forward as quickly as possible.

166/19/NPC Documents for noting

- BPC Report 2020-02-11 in NP Reports to Parish Council
- NP Change list 2020-02-11 in NP Reports to Parish Council
- BNP Update 2020-02 in NP Updates

167/19/NPC Documents passed into the public domain

None this month.

168/19/NPC Documents for the next meeting

Currently none known.

169/19/NPC Future policy for revision of Working Papers

The final version of the WPs would be considered by the BPC at their meeting on March 10. After that no major amendments would be allowed unless triggered by changes in Government, HCC or EBC policies. Correction of errors or updates would continue. All future requests for specific changes to the WPs or draft Botley Neighbourhood Plans must be in writing to the Chairman

170/19/NPC Documents for this meeting

- Locality CELC WP npc v3 2020 in NP Documents (non-public)/Locality
- Locality GM WP bpc v8 2020 in NP Documents (non-public)/Locality
- Transport WP bpc v9 2020 in NP Documents (non-public)/Transport

To be discussed under 172/19/NPC.

171/19/NPC Updated Working Papers

- BSHLAA v21
- Communication v11
- Education v15
- Health & Wellbeing v11
- Housing v18
- Infrastructure v28
- Locality - Green Matters v8
- Locality - History & Heritage v8
- Surveys v6

To be discussed under 172/19/NPC

172/19/NPC Working Groups and final Working Papers revue

The Chairman presented each WP in turn for final consideration

- 172.1 All Objectives, now renamed Aims, in the WPs were now contained in a list of Aims for easy checking as the Plan was written. Whether they would appear as Neighbourhood Plan Objectives or Community Aspirations would be decided by Planet
- 172.2 Communications
The communications log was fully up to date.
- 172.3 Economy
This WP was now complete.
- 172.4 Education
It had just been discovered that the application for a nursery school on the Boorley Park estate had been withdrawn and then re-submitted. The Chairman and Cllr Jones had therefore added an item laying out the desirability of pre-school education facilities on the site and difficulties that would arise if none were to be provided.
- 172.5 Health & Wellbeing
The air pollution figures had been brought up to date.
- 172.6 Housing
Cllr Hunter had updated the Housing WP and the Botley SHLAAA. This would be an ongoing procedure.
- 172.7 Infrastructure
- 172.7a The Working Group had been concerned about the responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS). Research had established that:
- EBC were required to ensure that all new developments had SuDS but had no responsibility for future upkeep.
 - HCC are not required to manage SuDS but will provide paid-for services.
 - If drainage ditches running off to waterways are in place the upkeep must be carried out by the landowner.
 - A directive on SuDS is in place for Wales but not for England. Cllr Hunter had written to Paul Holmes, MP for Eastleigh, asking when a decision could be expected.
- 172.7b The item on parking had been divided into parking areas in Botley centre and those in outer areas of the Parish.
Concern had been included about parking space at the Boorley Park schools. The BPC would work with EBC over parking matters.
- 172.8 Locality
- 172.8a The Locality CELC WP had been completed with work by David Burgess on music provision in the Parish, Derek Oswald for events at Botley Market Hall and the Parish Office for community events.
- 172.8b The Locality GM paper now included the commitment for BPC to work with EBC in relation to the Government's accelerated target of phasing out the sale of petrol and diesel powered vehicles by 2035.
Cllr Jones complimented the Chairman on his work in making this a really good paper.
- 172.8c The Locality History & Heritage WP does show that the Botley Village War Memorial is a Grade II Listed Building.
- 172.9 Surveys
The Chairman thanked Mike Anthony for his help in checking all the figures. All comments in the document had been sorted into subject groups, where possible. Planet had been given the exact number of existing houses for different parts of the Parish and the number of comments from each area seemed to be reasonably balanced.
- 171.10 Transport
The Chairman said that this WP had expanded quite a lot after members' comments, as it was a very important document.
- 172.10a There was considerable discussion about Winchester City Council's proposed development at Sherecroft Farm and its effect on Botley High Street. The initial plan for the vehicle entrance was from the Bypass but this had been changed to Mill Hill, which meant that west bound traffic from the site would almost certainly go through the High Street. A single lane with traffic lights had been suggested but Cllr Mercer said that HCC were supportive of a pinch point with priority for traffic travelling east and uphill.
- 172.10b Cllr Mercer said that he would like to show our transport proposals to HCC as soon as possible but Cllr Jones thought this might cause trouble, as they had not been approved by the residents. However, the fact was that after all consultations had been carried out HCC would still have the final say and we must avoid any false expectations.
- 172.10c The subject of Induced Traffic had been raised at the previous meeting so the WP had searched out information on this subject which had been included in the WP. Detailed studies suggested a 2% to 4% increase in addition to general increase in traffic flow.
Because the Botley By-pass went through fairly open land and had a limited number of crossings it was thought that increased traffic flow would not lead to any significant increase in air pollution.

172.10d Other amendments to the Transport WP included definite identification of the Parish boundary with Curdridge, changes to parking matters, as in the Infrastructure WP, and a footbridge over the railway at Boorley Green.

172.11 The Chairman felt confident that the WPs were now ready for Planet, subject only to any further comments, to be sent to him by 03 March. All WPs would then be frozen from the next BPC meeting on March 10.

173/19/NPC Correspondence

There was no correspondence this month.

174/19/NPC Date of next meeting

The Committee Room was booked for 18 March, but the Chairman would only call a meeting if necessary.

The meeting closed at 9.58 p.m.

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