



Minutes of the **Botley Neighbourhood Plan Committee Meeting**
held on **Wednesday 21 October 2020** at 7:15pm.
This was a virtual meeting using Microsoft Teams:

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

In attendance:

Minutes Secretary: Mrs Rosemary Nimmo

Non-Committee Councillors: 0

Guest: Tom Gurd

Members of the Public: 1

19/20/NPC Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence for personal or business reasons were received from Jonathan Appleby, Hugh Dixon and Peter Kemp.

20/20//NPC Declarations of Interest

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

21/20/NPC To approve the Neighbourhood Plan Committee minutes of 16 September 2020

The Minutes were approved unanimously but will remain unsigned until safe meeting arrangements are available.

22/20/NPC Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

There were no matters arising.

23/20/NPC Chairman's report

The Chairman had nothing to report that would not be discussed under agenda items.

24/20/NPC Question time/public session

No questions had been sent to the Parish Clerk.

25/20/NPC New member's update

Tom Gurd had applied to the Botley Parish Council to join the BNPC as a voting member. This would be discussed at the next BPC meeting on 10 November.

26/20/NPC Documents for noting

- BPC Report 2020-09-08 and 2020-10-13 in NP Reports to Parish Council
- NP Change list 2020-09-08 and 2020-10-13 in NP Reports to Parish Council
- BNP Update 2020-09 in NP Updates

27/20/NPC Documents passed into the public domain

None since the last meeting.

28/20/NPC Documents for the next meeting

- 3rd draft of the Botley Neighbourhood Plan
- Housing Paper
- Infrastructure Paper
- Locality Green Matters Paper

To be discussed under agenda item Working Papers

29/20/NPC Botley Neighbourhood Plan Financial Report

- 29.1 £9773 of the £10,000 Locality grant had been spent, with £227 remaining. £843 had been used from the £20,461 made available by the BPC, leaving £19,618 unspent.
- 29.2 Currently not accounted for in the monies spent was the remaining purchase order with Planet for £5,940. The Chairman was reasonably confident that remaining work by Planet would not go over this amount.
- 29.3 We will need to pay for the printing of the Plan for pre-submission publication and any costs associated with Parish Council material for circulation to the residents prior to the Referendum but all costs relating to public consultation and the Referendum would be met by Eastleigh Borough Council.

30/20/NPC Government White Papers on Planning Reforms

- 30.1 The Chairman apologised that at the last BNPC meeting he had not realised that the consultation on *Changes to the current Planning system* had already closed. However, a short time still remained to provide comments

on *Planning for the Future*. However, we could also send comments on both white papers to our MP, Paul Holmes. We should put forward sound arguments that he could use in the eventual House of Commons debate, if he wished.

- 30.2 The Chairman would circulate draft comments on *Planning for the Future*, but any responses would have to be swift to meet the consultation deadline.

31/20/NPC Botley Neighbourhood Plan 3rd Draft

All data requested by Planet on housing numbers, planning applications, settlement gaps and local green spaces had been identified, with much work by Graham Hunter and Peter Kemp. It was being fed into the Infrastructure paper, which included Green Matters. The aim was to complete the update of the Plan by the end of October and circulate for prompt comments before returning it to Planet. It was expected that they would have the BNP 3rd draft ready for consideration at the NPC November meeting, all being well.

32/20/NPC Updated Working papers

- Health & Wellbeing Paper and Appendix version 14 - circulated by email
- Transport Paper and Appendices version 13 - circulated by email

To be discussed under Working Papers

33/20/NPC Working papers

- 33.1 Botley SHLAA.
This was all up to date.
- 33.2 Communications.
This was regularly updated.
- 33.3 Economy.
33.3a There was considerable discussion on changes to this paper.
33.3b Cllr Jones apologised that his comments at the last BNPC meeting could be misconstrued. He saw now that the Paper was inclusive of the whole of Botley Parish and was well balanced. However, with apologies to Cllr Wildin for not having had the chance to consult him, he had added a note in the introduction regarding the likelihood of Covid 19 resulting in more home working and possibly schooling. At item 3.4 the necessity for good access to Botley Station had been extended to a wider area.
- 33.3c Graham Hunter felt that, with all the problems of Covid 19, businesses should be encouraged to be as flexible as possible. The Chairman said that this could be an aspiration and suggested that Cllrs Jones and Wildin should look at some appropriate wording for the Paper. Cllr Wildin noted that the feeling among the Botley Traders was of much worry and nervousness about the present situation and what would happen after the Bypass opened. He had attempted to spread some calm.
- 33.3d There was comment about the lack of shopping facilities for the new housing areas. Tom Gurd asked if the Plan could contain anything to encourage developers to install such facilities early in the building programme. Proper phasing of planning might address but this would be a matter for Eastleigh Borough Council, as the Planning Authority, and planning obligations should be achieved. Cllr Mercer said that liaison with a good Project Manager could achieve a lot but in the end financial factors held sway. The Chairman said that he would ask Planet if anything about this could be included in the Plan.
- 33.4 Education.
33.4a It was reasonable to assume that there would be more home working in the future but requirement for better broadband was already included. in the paper.
33.4b Cllr Jones said that there was already a need in the Parish to ensure equal opportunities for education, with the provision of computer equipment where necessary.
- 33.5 Health and Wellbeing.
33.5a This had been updated including the latest performance ratings for the local General Practices and mortality rate for the University Hospital Southampton, which has now risen to have the eighth best mortality rate in England.
33.5b The Chairman had reassessed the NO₂ emissions registered for Botley. After the removal of a clear anomaly for November 2014 the results showed Botley to be consistently below the UK annual target of 40µM³. The mean annual level had fallen by 27% between 2012 and 2019. Therefore, he had redrawn the graphs.
- 33.6 Heritage, Design & Materials.
This was complete.
- 33.7 Housing.
As usual Graham Hunter had kept the Paper updated but some of it needed rewriting in a more logical order. The Chairman would look at this.
- 33.8 Infrastructure.
The Chairman will input the necessary maps identifying green spaces and with Graham Hunter's agreement will move some tables into the Appendix.

- 33.9 Locality.
Changes to Green Matters Paper would be made by Mike Anthony and Cllr Jones and extra data would be added to the evidence base.
- 33.10 National Planning Policy Framework.
No changes.
- 33.11 Surveys.
The Chairman would revise some text for clarity, but this will not change any of the conclusions drawn.
- 33.12 Vision & Objectives.
No change.
- 33.13 Transport.
- 33.13a The Chairman noted that Cllr Mercer and Graham Hunter had been putting in a great deal of work upgrading this Paper including comments recently received. Cllr Mercer said that he was now quite content with it. Graham Hunter said that more items had been added to the evidence base, including speed data for Kings Copse Avenue. Appendix 2 contained evidence-based data.
- 33.13b The Chairman told the meeting that the Planning & Highways Committee was producing a traffic calming paper for discussion with Hampshire Highways.
- 33.13c Mike Anthony was concerned that the comments he sent in recently had been considered as being late. He had spent a long time producing these and there had not been any deadline for submission that he was aware of. The Chairman agreed that he had not given a timing but said that he always aimed to have major updates ready for each monthly NPC meeting. He tried to keep a flexible system but if the Committee wished him to set formal deadlines he would do so. However, the general feeling was that a flexible arrangement was preferable. Mike asked if all his points had been considered and the Chairman assured him that he would check carefully to make sure nothing important had been left out that had a strong evidence backing.
- 33.13d There was lengthy discussion about the traffic problems in Boorley Green, where the residents of the old hamlet were becoming increasingly concerned about growing traffic volume, speeding, rat running and extra heavy vehicles without any action by Hampshire Highways. Unfortunately, this was not something that could be dealt with in the BNP. as it was not a planning matter but a highways issue. Hampshire Highways would decide on the timing and content of any public consultation. BPC will be discussing the timing and content of future consultation with Hampshire Highways. The BNP has recorded the residents' concerns and contained evidence to support this. There was a definite objective to deal with the dangerous bends in Crow's Nest Lane. The Chairman commented that we all knew how difficult traffic matters were. Everyone had now had the chance to express their opinions so, after some tidying up, he would like to present the draft Appendix 2 of the Transport Paper to the BPC at their November meeting. Cllr Mercer, Mike Anthony and Graham Hunter were all in agreement, as were the rest of the Committee.
- 33.13e As Cllr Hann was currently collecting information about the situation in Boorley Green further concerns outside the scope of the BNP should be communicated to him.
- 33.14 Arising from discussion of the working papers the Chairman gave a brief update on the situation with the EBC Local Plan. He thought it almost certain that after the main changes required by the Inspector had been made the rest of the LP would be remain as the Local Plan. However, all was in limbo until the Inspector made her final decision. Graham Hunter had heard that EBC's responses were to be ready by "the end of autumn". We would need to keep a watching brief in case any subsequent changes affected our NP. However, one thing that seemed clear was the situation over the land off Sovereign Drive. EBC had admitted and been put on record that it should never have been removed from settlement gaps and HEWEB LAC had recently turned down a developer's application.

34/20/NPC Correspondence

No items of correspondence had been received.

35/20/NPC Date of next meeting

Wednesday 15 November 2020 using Microsoft Teams.

The meeting ended at 9.17pm.