



Minutes of the **Botley Neighbourhood Plan Committee Meeting**  
held on **Wednesday 18 November 2020** at 7:15pm.  
This was a virtual meeting using Microsoft Teams:

**Present:**

Voting Cllr members: Cllr David Weeden (Meeting Chairman); Colin Mercer, Stephen Wildin.  
Voting non-Cllr members: Jonathan Appleby, Tom Gurd, Graham Hunter, Peter Kemp

**In attendance:**

Minutes Secretary: Mrs Rosemary Nimmo  
Non-Committee Councillors: 0  
Observer: Kaylee Stephens  
Members of the Public: 1

**36/20/NPC Apologies for absence**

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

**37/20/NPC Declarations of Interest**

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

**38/20/NPC To approve the Neighbourhood Plan Committee minutes of 21 October 2020**

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

**39/20/NPC Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting**

There were no matters arising.

**40/20/NPC Chairman's report**

The Committee heard with regret that Mike Anthony had resigned from the BNPC. He had done an immense amount of valuable work towards the Neighbourhood Plan for which the Chairman gave him grateful thanks, with the hope that he might re-join at a later date. There was nothing else to report that would not arise under agenda items.

**41/20/NPC Question time/public session**

No questions had been sent to the Parish Clerk.

**42/20/NPC New member's update**

The Chairman welcomed Tom Gurd as a voting member, subsequent to BPC's support of his application. Kaylee Stephens was attending the meeting as an interested observer and was considering joining the BNPC in the New Year.

**43/20/NPC Documents for noting**

- BPC Report 2020-11-10 in NP Reports to Parish Council
- NP Change list 2020-11-10 in NP Reports to Parish Council
- BNP Update 2020-11 in NP Updates

**44/20/NPC Documents passed into the public domain**

BPC had approved the Transport Paper Appendix 2 for publication on the website.

**45/20/NPC Documents for the next meeting**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> draft of the Botley Neighbourhood Plan
- Infrastructure Paper
- Locality Green Matters Paper

Some minor changes were still needed to finalise the Papers, but the Chairman was optimistic that the Pre-submission (3<sup>rd</sup>) draft of the BNP would be ready for consideration at the December Committee meeting.

**46/20/NPC Botley Neighbourhood Plan**

- 46.1 The Chairman reported that all data on Housing numbers, planning applications and settlement gaps had been added to the comments. Information on green spaces had still to be fed in but would be completed by the end of the month. There had been contacts with Hampshire County Council (HCC) who appeared to be sympathetic to a green space designation for the area between Woodhouse Lane and the Bypass.
- 46.2 There was discussion about other possible green spaces including some at Uplands Farm. Arising from this Cllr Mercer told the meeting that if planning permission was given for the Sherecroft Farm development in Curdrige Parish, within the Winchester City planning area, then there would be about half a million pounds from the Section

106 agreement towards improvements around Botley Square. He had been in preliminary discussions with HCC, who seemed interested to hear our ideas for upgrading the Square. In response to a question from Tom Gurd (TG) he outlined what had been suggested so far. TG then asked how these had been decided and said that a strong statement was needed to say what the community wanted and to make this clear to HCC. Graham Hunter pointed out that everything was clearly laid out at considerable length in the Transport Paper, the conclusions being based on the public consultations. However, we could not dictate what should be done. HCC would look at the ideas and then decide what would be possible in transport terms. Not all aspirations could be fulfilled.

The Chairman said that considerable work and time had been put into the preparation of the Transport Paper. There had been no consensus of opinion from the public consultations and many aspirations. All we could do in the Plan was to elucidate what we thought the residents wanted. Peter Kemp asked TG if he was suggesting a forum for discussion before the next consultation stage and TG replied that maybe the BNPC committee was best placed to get a consensus. Mrs Nimmo pointed out that HCC would consult widely before any changes were made to the Botley transport system.

46.3 Kaylee Stephens raised some further points regarding footpaths around Boorley Green and also thought that the new developments warranted provision of another library. Cllr Mercer said that after some timely action by BPC, land for a footbridge had been earmarked on both sides of the railway, so that pedestrians using Winchester Road to reach Deer Park School could cross the railway line without using the current road bridge on Woodhouse Lane. The Chairman asked Cllr Jones, Peter Kemp and Graham Hunter to consider mentioning a new library in the Education and Infrastructure Papers.

46.4 Asked about the procedure for consultation on the draft Pre-submission BNP the Chairman said that it would be sent to various Statutory Bodies. The full draft Pre-submission BNP would be available to the residents on the Botley website and in the Parish Office, if Coronavirus regulations permitted this, for comment. It was possible that a shorter version of the draft Pre-submission BNP, perhaps about eight pages, would be produced to be delivered along with the Botley News. No major changes to the BNP would be envisaged unless there was a large body of opinion on any point, as this could not be ignored.

#### **47/20/NPC Updated Working Papers**

- Communication WP bpc v15.1 2020
- Communication WP bpc v15 Appendix 4 2020
- Housing WP bpc v27.1
- Housing WP bpc v27.1 Appendix 2020
- Transport WP bpc v9 Appendix 2 2020

#### **48/20/NPC Current position of the Working Papers in the Evidence Base**

48.1 Botley Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment  
The Paper was current.

48.2 Communication  
Revised and up to date.

48.3 Economy  
The Paper was current. However, Cllr Wildin and Jonathon Appleby had continued to consult with the Traders and had put their findings in a draft document for discussion. The Chairman asked for it to be sent to him.

48.4 Education  
The Paper was current.

48.5 Health & Wellbeing  
The Paper and its Appendix were current.

48.6 Heritage, Design & Material  
The Paper was current. HCC and Eastleigh Borough Council had already asked to see it.

48.7 Housing

48.7a Housing numbers had been updated and Section 6, Section 7 and Section 8a had been rewritten with much work by Graham Hunter. It had been necessary to include an indication of the effects of changes to the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan and the planning applications had been put in a clearer form.

48.7b The Appendix had been re-written and updated with respect to Schedules 1, 2, 3 and 4.

48.7c The Chairman said that it was likely that Planet would approve the inclusion in the Plan of a statement saying that Botley should have no further large developments until the current ones had been completed and adequate infrastructure was in place.

- 48.8 Infrastructure  
Graham Hunter and Peter Kemp were working on final revisions to this Paper and the Appendix. The Chairman was providing necessary maps.
- 48.9 Locality  
Some revision to Green Matters might still be needed.
- 48.10 National Planning Policy Framework  
This was current since there had been no recent changes.
- 48.11 Surveys  
The Chairman thought that he would still need to work on the Surveys Paper to present the mass of figures and comments in a more rational way.
- 48.12 Transport  
After some minor linguistic changes the Paper and its Appendices were now in the public sector.
- 48.13 Vision and Objectives  
This Paper was current.
- 48.14 The Chairman asked everyone to continue to point out any errors or omissions that were found. He intended to have the amended Plan to Planet by the end of this month so that the 3<sup>rd</sup> draft could be back for the next BNP meeting.

**49/20/NPC Correspondence**

No items of correspondence had been received.

**50/20/NPC Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 16 December 2020 at 7.15 p.m. using Microsoft Teams.

Meeting ended at 8.27 p.m.