

BOTLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the **Neighbourhood Plan Committee Meeting**
held on **Wednesday 17 April 2019** at 7:15pm in the Committee Room
at the Botley Centre, High Street, Botley

Present:

Voting Cllr members: Cllr David Weeden (Meeting Chairman); Ron Clark, Sue Grinham, Graham Hunter, Jeff Jones, Stephen Wildin.

Voting non-Cllr members: Mike Anthony, Peter Kemp

In attendance:

Minutes Secretary: Mrs Rosemary Nimmo

Non-Committee Councillors: 0

Members of the Public: 1

92/18/NPC Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence for personal or business reasons were received from Cllr Colin Mercer and Hugh Dixon. Approved.

93/18/NPC Declarations of Interest

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

94/18/NPC

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Mike Anthony to his first meeting as a full voting member.

95/18/NPC. To approve the Neighbourhood Plan Committee minutes of 20 March 2019.

The minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

96/18/NPC Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

A point regarding 89.7 in Heritage and Topic Paper 7 v4 to be dealt with under Agenda item 12, Working Groups

97/18/NPC Question time/public session

There was no public input at this time.

98/18/NPC Decision of the Parish Council on Professional Help

It had not proved practical to arrange a meeting to hear presentations by Planet and Porchester Planning Consultancy. However, after comprehensive discussions with both possible providers and the Neighbourhood Plan Committee (NPC), the Chairman recommended that Planet be appointed to give professional support to the NP. This was agreed unanimously by the Botley Parish Council (BPC)

99/18/NPC Protection of Committee email addresses

Cllr. members of the NPC have official email addresses for general use (although at present this is only for incoming emails and Cllrs use their own email addresses for outgoing messages) but non-Cllr. members of the Committee or Working Groups should not have their emails disclosed without their written permission. Therefore, communications should be sent as blind copies, unless permission to disclose an email address is given. Mrs. Nimmo commented that it could be inconvenient not to know who else had received the same message. Mike Anthony said that mail could be sent under a group heading, which did not disclose members' details. The Chairman decided to contact everyone for their individual wishes.

100/18/NPC Project Plan

Cllr. Wildin is getting together with Peter Kemp to consolidate the working plan. He is having trouble logging on to the NP section of the website and will speak to Cllr Mercer about this.

101/18/NPC Documents for noting

- NP report to BPC meeting 09 April, in NP Committee Minutes
- Botley Parish Profile 2018 EBC, parts 1 and 2, in NP Docs/Other Docs

The Chairman pointed out that the Profiles contained a mass of information from the Borough Council.

102/18/NPC Documents for next meeting

- Economy WP wg v1 is ready and available in NP Docs/Economy and should be studied for discussion at the May meeting.

103/18/NPC Documents for this meeting

- Heritage and Design TP7 v4 full 2019
- Education WP npc v5 2019

Both to be discussed under Agenda item 12, Working Groups

104/18/NPC Working Groups

104.1 Communication

104.1a A letter from Liz Bourne, of Planet, was circulated with the Minutes. This gives their suggestions for the work required over the next few months to start progressing our NP. In summary, Planet propose taking the information from our previous public consultations to make a first rough draft of the *Vision for Botley* and the Objectives of the Botley Neighbourhood Plan (BNP). The NPC can then take this back to the community to ask if it represents their opinions. This will be followed by a more targeted survey to gather information to support the Policies.

Parallel with this will be the devising of a Communications Strategy to ensure full involvement of the community at all stages, together with making a beginning on the Position Statement.

The Chairman will arrange a meeting with Planet to discuss these proposals further.

104.1b The Chairman has now been through all the responses from the public consultations of 2016 and 2017 and has drawn up a document of his main conclusions and suggestions for a *Vision for Botley*. This he presented to the meeting. He thought that, although aspirations in the BNP might not all be achievable, we should nevertheless include all items which have raised public comment. The final policies, however, are likely to be more constrained.

104.1c Cllr Grinham asked if BPC has the power to overturn any policy proposals put forward by the NPC if they disagreed with them. The Chairman said that the final decision will always rest with the BPC and we cannot put forward policies that will not pass independent examination. Cllr Grinham said that we might want to include policies that would pass examination but were not supported by the BPC and what would happen then? The Chairman agreed that this was a valid point and he would consult with Planet and seek advice from other independent sources.

104.1d There was discussion of the Chairman's draft suggestions for a *Vision for Botley*.

- 7th Item, Botley Square.

Air quality in the Square is forecast to improve considerably when the by-pass is opened but only time will tell. The Chairman said that the figures for toxicity were already below the European maximums but that no record of particulate matter was included. Cllr Grinham thought that the by-pass might cause air quality problems in other parts of Botley, although expert opinion did not agree.

- 8th Item. Weight and speed limits on King's Copse Avenue.

There is already a 7.5 tonne weight limit for King's Copse Avenue, but it is not enforced and seems to be generally disobeyed. Even if ignoring the weight limit is detected by the Police the fixed penalty is only £30 with no points on the driver's licence. Hampshire Highways have not agreed to a lower speed limit because they say speeding is not a problem. Residents disagree and are concerned for children crossing to school and say there is a particular problem with speeding motorbikes. Cllr Hunter thought that it should be an aspiration in the Plan.

104.1e The Chairman said that we are a planning group and can reflect what the residents want. The Local Authority will be told, and it is up to them to explain their decisions to the public.

104.1f Sewerage provision. We can object to on-site waste water treatment plants for new housing developments, but the BPC cannot object to planning permission just because a development is not connected to the main sewerage system.

104.1g Cllr Jones asked if we could ask the residents if they agreed that there be no further erosion of the Emergency Services.

104.1h Cllr Grinham suggested that we might ask the residents if they wished Botley to become part of the South Downs National Park.

104.1i Cllr Hunter said that we could ask the community for their thoughts on various questions, but we must not raise expectations over matters that were not within the powers of the BPC.

104.1j The Chairman said that he will email the draft *Vision* to the Committee members for further comments and suggestions.

104.2 Economy

As noted in 11/19/NPC, a draft working paper (WP) is ready to be discussed at the next meeting but it is a work in progress.

104.3 Education

The Education WP wg v1 is complete. Cllr Hunter congratulated Cllr Jones on a very good paper. The Chairman asked for any comments to be sent to him, or Cllr Jones, in the next few days. He will then present it to the BPC on 14 May, but it will remain a working document and can be altered if necessary. Cllr Hunter suggested that a review date should be placed on the document. Three months was thought appropriate.

104.4 Health

104.4a The Chairman has sent all the BPC's comments to the West Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group and hopes to be meeting with them shortly. Other members may join him if they wish. Cllr Grinham would like to be involved, as long as the date is known well in advance.

104.4b Hugh Dixon has volunteered to join the Health WG

104.5 Housing

104.5a Cllr Hunter reported that he has been in touch with AECOM about the Housing Needs Assessment which will take 3 to 4 months to produce. He was told that we are going to be a complex case.

104.5b Plans for surrounding areas have been gathered. Likely development areas, or probable ones from the Winchester City SHELAA, include Sherecroft Farm, Pinkmead Farm, Fairthorne Manor Farm and Snakemoor Farm, Durley. The Whiteley extension is now in progress. Uplands Farm, Hedge End, has outline planning consent. Winchester City is preparing a new Local Plan, although the current one was only adopted last year.

104.5c The Chairman thanked Cllr Hunter for his dedicated work on all housing matters.

104.6 Infrastructure

104.6a Cllr Wildin said that he was just picking up on this and would have some thoughts for the next meeting.

104.6b Peter Kemp volunteered to join the Infrastructure WG.

104.7 Locality

104.7a Heritage and Design TP7 v4 was discussed.

- Cllr Clark felt that it was over large, with too many photographs. The Chairman commented that Tony Charles thought that Heritage was very important for Botley and it all contributes to the evidence base. Planet will eventually choose what to include. However, the Locality WG should correct any factual errors.
- Cllr Jones asked that a sentence be added to the section on West Botley, pointing out the open areas with views to Manor Farm and the River Hamble Country Park and he will provide this for the Chairman.
- Cllr Grinham pointed out that there was no mention of the Victorian cottages and older houses in Boorley Green
- Cllr Hunter requested that any historic post boxes or old signage should be included for preservation. Also, he is discussing with the Parish Clerk the possibility of Local Listing for the Nurseland WWI Poppy Memorial and the WWII HMS Cricket memorial. He will request an agenda item for the next BPC meeting.
- Mr Nimmo, from the public area, mentioned the WWII lay-byes in Maddoxford and Wangfield Lanes, where King George VI is said to have addressed the troops from the nearby field camps. The Chairman said that Cllr Clark could include whatever he wished and requested that any further comments be sent to him or Cllr Clark.

104.7b There had been no reply from Eastleigh Ramblers to the Chairman's message, so Cllr Grinham will contact Richard Kenchington again.

104.7c Mike Anthony volunteered to support Cllr Clark in the Locality WG.

104.8 Transport

104.8a There was no new report as Cllr Mercer was unable to attend the meeting.

104.8b The Chairman expected that the WP would take in the whole of Botley and he hoped for a draft at the next meeting.

Cllr Hunter then gave a vote of thanks to Cllr Weeden for all his work as Chairman. The Chairman thanked him but said that everyone on the Committee was working hard to help him. He was pleased that we had worked smoothly through some contentious issues.

105/18/NPC Correspondence

No correspondence has been received.

106/18/NPC Date of next meeting

Wednesday 15 May 2019 at 7.15 pm.

Date: _____ Chairman: _____

These minutes could be the subject of amendments which will be recorded in the minutes of the following meeting