



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

Present:

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

Voting non-Cllr members: Hugh Dixon, Peter Kemp

In attendance:

Minutes Secretary: Mrs Rosemary Nimmo

Non-Committee Councillors: 0

Visiting Speaker: Richard Kenchington

Members of the Public: 2

1/19/NPC Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence for personal or business reasons were received from Cllr Ron Clark, Cllr Adrian Trace and Mike Anthony

2/19/NPC Committee members

At the Botley Parish Council (BPC) meeting on 14 May 2019 all Cllr and Non-cllr members were approved to continue as BNPC members for another year.

3/19/NPC Election of the Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee

Cllr Stephen Wildin proposed Cllr David Weeden as Chairman of the BNPC for the year 2019 to 2020. This was seconded by Cllr Graham Hunter and agreed unanimously.

4/19/NPC Election of the Vice-chair of the BNPC

Cllr Colin Mercer proposed Cllr Graham Hunter as Vice-Chairman of the BNPC for the year 2019 to 2020. This was seconded by Cllr David Weeden and agreed unanimously.

5/19/NPC Project Coordinator

The Chairman said that Cllr Stephen Wildin had kindly agreed to continue in this position.

6/19/NPC Declarations of Interest

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

7/19/NPC To approve the Neighbourhood Plan Committee minutes of 17April 2019

The Minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

8/19/NPC Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

104.1c The Chairman has consulted three external experts, and all confirm that the BPC, as the designated body developing the NP, is the final arbiter on any content.

104.7a Cllr Hunter reported that the BPC has agreed to apply for the Poppy Memorial and the HMS Cricket Memorial to be Locally Listed and it was suggested that we should consider the Cobbett Memorial Stone. The Pear Tree Inn and Maddoxford Farm are already listed but there is some doubt about the Black Barn's status.

Cllr Mercer pointed out that the Edward VII post-box in Brook Lane has been moved at some time and is not in its original housing but as far as we are aware the actual post box is the original one

The retired EBC Conservation Officer is retained by EBC to give advice if needed. EBC has not appointed a replacement

9/19/NPC Question time/public session

Mr Nimmo queried whether just the HMS Cricket Memorial or the whole of Cricket Camp was being considered for listing. Cllr Hunter replied that only actual structures could be listed. Mrs Nimmo understood that Historic England might be interested in the whole camp and its history.

10/19/NPC Presentation on Footpaths and Bridleways by Richard Kenchington (RK), from the Eastleigh Ramblers

10.1 RK expanded on his most helpful paper that had been circulated to all members. Footpaths and bridleways are defined on the Countryside Map (CM), which is updated every year. It is important to identify any routes that are not included. Footpaths in new developments that exist and are recorded on the Index of Publicly Maintainable Streets may not necessarily appear on the CM.

10.2 Existing countryside rights of way must be retained in an attractive environment. Eastleigh Borough Council, as our local Planning Authority, must ensure that no development damages any footpath or bridleway. The Eastleigh Ramblers, together with Cllr Grinham and other residents of Boorley Green, are working with developers to ensure the proper retention of Footpaths 1 and 2. The final arrangements for footpath 3 will depend on how the Uplands Farm development is laid out.

- 10.3 When possible, new semi-rural pathways linking settlement areas should be created, either on land already in public ownership or as part of an agreed development. The Parish Council has rights over highways and can enter into dedication agreements separately from HCC. Development in north east Botley must not disrupt the proposed Botley to Bishops Waltham Bridleway.
- 10.4 If possible and when the opportunity arises rights of way to enable access to the River Hamble east of Manor Farm and south east of Church Lane should be created. Legal access to the river Hamble is extremely limited in the northern section and the Ramblers would like to see a linear park on both sides of the river.
- 10.5 RK felt very strongly that residents north of the railway line were in danger of losing access to any large area of recreational open space and that land should be secured, perhaps purchased, for that purpose. Also, it was important to keep small pieces of woodland and watercourses and not allow developers to say they were of no recreational value.
- 10.6 RK answered a number of questions from the members and kindly offered to provide further detailed advice to the Infrastructure Working Group, who will bring back recommendations to the BNPC. RK suggested that proposals discussed should appear as Policies in the NP, but Cllr Mercer felt that although the Parish Council would be broadly supportive of Rambler's aims, some were likely to be aspirational rather than definitive policy matters.

11/19/NPC Update on new members

The Chairman reported that, of the five people who had previously expressed an interest in the BNPC, two had backed out and two were still considering. However, the fifth person, Pam Ben Mardhia, had come along tonight to see how the Committee worked and he welcomed her to the meeting.

12/19/NPC Planet update

The Chairman and Cllr Hunter will meet with Planet this coming Friday, 17 May. They will discuss the Vision Statement that will be taken back to the community for consideration in due course. Also, Planet is working on our Position Statement.

13/19/NPC Vision for Botley update

- 13.1 The Chairman had sent his draft suggestions out for comment and has received useful feedback. He thought that we must be careful to differentiate between suggestions for the Vision based on residents' opinions and those put forward by the BNPC. Peter Kemp wondered if it was necessary to differentiate but the Chairman was concerned that it should not appear to be all Parish Councillors' views.
- 13.2 Cllr Mercer commented that, as members talk to many people around Botley, it is difficult to know where ideas originate.
- 13.3 Cllr Hunter recommended that Committee members review the Vision Statement for Ropley, whose Plan is just ready for submission.
- 13.4 Cllr Jones asked if there is enough material ready for the meeting with Planet. The Chairman said there is, if the Committee accepted, as a starting point, his idea of what the Vision Statement should be, although he had no fixed ideas about its content. He thought it unlikely that Planet would dismiss anything out of hand, but they might well suggest, for instance, another way of expressing something. It will be interesting to see if their analysis of the material differs from ours.
- 13.5 The Chairman said that it was his intention to present a revised Vision Statement to the Committee for discussion and will aim to have it ready a week before the next meeting.

14/19/NPC Project Plan

- 14.1 Cllr Wildin plans to review all the submitted WPs and comments in the next couple of weeks and come back with an updated timescale.
- 14.2 Cllr Mercer suggested that all online documents need to be dated and the Chairman said that Cllr Wildin will develop a referencing system for the Document list.
- 14.3 Cllr Mercer said that we will need more website space which will carry a cost, and the Chairman was happy for this cost to come from the funds available for the development of the NP.

15/19/NPC Documents for noting

- NP report to BPC meeting, 14 May 2019, is in NP Committee/Minutes/Reports.

16/19/NPC Documents for next meeting

- Economy WP – 2nd draft in NP Documents/Economy
- Heritage & Design TP7 - revised v5 in NP Documents/Topic Papers
- Heritage WP - revised v6 in NP Documents/Locality
- Infrastructure WP – hopefully 1st draft in NP Documents/Infrastructure
- Transport WP – hopefully 1st draft in NP Docs/Transport

- 16.1 The Chairman said that if no actual document was ready for Infrastructure and Transport then a verbal report should be presented.

17/19/NPC Documents for this meeting

- Pipelines WP wg v6 2019 in NP Documents/Infrastructure
- Pipelines WP wg v6 add 2019 in NP Documents/Infrastructure
- Education WP npc v6 2019 in NP Documents/Education

17.1 All these to be discussed under Working Groups.

18/19/NPC Working Groups

18.1 Communication

18.1a Planet has asked for a document showing how we have already contacted the public. This will be provided.

18.1b Cllr Mercer, with Derek Oswald, is progressing discussions with Botley Traders but useful input is thin on the ground.

18.2 Economy

Cllr Wildin said that work on this is at an early stage and a format needs to be established. The 2nd draft is on the website in NP Documents/Economy.

18.3 Education

18.3a Cllr Jones said that he had received quite a few comments on the WP and has made some amendments. He thought that the Paper is now ready.

18.3b The Chairman asked if everyone was happy for the WP to go forward to BPC and all were in agreement.

18.4 Health

18.4a The Chairman has been in contact with Carol Trotter, Chair of the Patient Participation Group (PPG) for the St Luke's & Botley Surgeries. He is meeting with Carol next Monday (20 May) and with the PPG next Tuesday (21 May) to get their views.

18.4b On the 30 May a meeting has been arranged with senior members of the West Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group and the Chairman, Dr Trotter and Cllr Jones will attend, with Cllr Grinham if she is available.

18.4c The Chairman felt that the practice had concentrated on St. Luke's Surgery to the detriment of Botley. However, the Out of Hours service may be relocating to Botley, and if this were to happen Cllr Grinham felt that access would be much easier for residents without cars.

18.4d Cllr Hunter reported that Hedge End Medical Practice is building an improved website.

18.4e The Chairman said that in due course he would be working with Angel Myerscough on the social aspects of health.

18.5 Housing

18.5a Cllr Hunter reported that v13 of the Botley SHLAA now includes land at Precosa Road, which was not in the EBC SHLAA but has been included for development in the emerging Local Plan. The paper has been circulated for comment.

18.5b The Pipelines WP has been updated and Emergency Plans included. It will now be possible to identify the position of all pipelines in detail and the document can now be used for future planning applications if the BPC agree.

18.5c Referring to the lack of information held by EBC, Cllr Hunter said that problems have arisen with the Permitted Development system where extensions have been built over pipelines. Mims Davies, our MP, has been approached and has referred the matter to the Minister. The Chairman asked everyone to check for errors in the Pipelines WP and, if necessary, contact Cllr Hunter within the next two weeks.

18.6 Infrastructure

18.6a Peter Kemp has drafted a first document under 12 headings, aiming just to gather evidence. He has gone as far as possible with his current knowledge and comments will be very welcome. The document can be edited down if necessary and he hopes to have an amended version ready for the next meeting.

18.6b The Chairman said that any interesting and useful facts should be retained unedited for the time being. He suggested that an appendix piece from RK on footpaths and bridleways might be helpful.

18.7 Locality

18.7a Cllr Clark is away but has been working on Listed Buildings with Cllr Hunter.

18.7b The Chairman has subdivided the Heritage & Design TP7 into a text part, an appendix with Listed Buildings and an appendix for photographs of Botley. To be discussed at the next meeting.

18.8 Transport

18.8a Cllr Mercer said that he was updating the Transport WP now that the Botley By-pass will be built. He confirmed that HCC is aware of the need to encourage use of the by-pass in order to protect the Village centre.

18.8b In response to a question from Hugh Dixon, the Chairman said that weight and speed limits can certainly be included as aspirations, but it remains to be decided what can be included as Policies.

19/19/NPC Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

20/19/NPC Date of next meeting

Wednesday 19 June 2019 at 7.15 p.m.

The meeting closed at 21.36 hrs.

