



Minutes of the **Neighbourhood Plan Committee** Meeting
held on **Wednesday 21 August 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, Graham Hunter, Jeff Jones, Colin Mercer, 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

52/19/NPC Apologies for absence

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

53/19//NPC Declarations of Interest

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

54/19/NPC To approve the Neighbourhood Plan Committee minutes of 17 July 2019

The Minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

55/19/NPC Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Mrs Nimmo asked to be included in any circulation of documents or information pertaining to the Committee's work. The Chairman would arrange this in future.

56/19/NPC Chairman's report

- 56.1 The question had arisen regarding procedure to be followed should the NPC wish to change any part of a document already approved by the BPC. The Chairman said in that event he would make a change statement to the BPC explaining any variations.
- 56.2 The Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC) Local Plan hearings would be held between November 2019 and January 2020. This would not have any impact on this Committee as we had not made any submissions. It was assumed that BPC would give evidence to the Inspector and we would give them our support and supply any documents that they might request.
- 56.3 Only six responses had so far been received to the publicised Vision Statement & Objectives for the Botley Neighbourhood Plan (BNP). The Chairman reminded Committee members to record their own comments on the website and encourage friends and neighbours to do the same. The next likely step would be to proceed to a public meeting, which Planet would attend.

57/19/NPC Question time/public session

Bob Nimmo asked about a date for commencement of the Botley Bypass as neighbours were asking him about it. Cllr Mercer replied that priority was being given to the much-needed secondary school, so building would commence there first. This would be followed by staged work on sections of the bypass through 2020 and 2021, beginning with the roundabout on Woodhouse Lane. Land temporarily vacant during the construction would be used for animal grazing. It was all rather vague. Cllr Hunter said that there was a section on the Hampshire County Council (HCC) website giving updates.

58/19/NPC Updates on new members

Unfortunately, Stephen Harris had withdrawn from possible membership, citing insufficient time to dedicate to the programme.

59/19/NPC Titchfield Neighbourhood Plan

- 59.1 The Chairman gave his thoughts on the failed plan for Titchfield Village, which had been created by a Neighbourhood Forum, as Fareham Borough Council (FBC) has no Parish Councils. It had been a good Plan, praised by the Inspector for its clarity and brevity, but had been defeated by vigorous opposition from the Titchfield Village Trust. The referendum question had perhaps been badly drawn and the Trust did not want to accept any more housing although now they would be at the mercy of any future plans FBC might make.

Post meeting note from the Chairman - Planet have confirmed that the Referendum question is standardised and not open for individualisation.

- 59.2 The Chairman said that lessons could be learned, in particular the importance of brevity and clarity in our NP and he warned of the dangers of anyone campaigning against the BNP.

60/19/NPC Documents for noting

- Content TP v9 2019 in NP Docs/Topic Papers
- EBC LP Inspector's Part Report 2014-11-28 in NP Docs/Other Docs
- Eastleigh Borough & Winchester City Council's Statement of Common Ground 2019 in NP Docs/Other Docs
- Nitrates Natural England Report 2019 in NP Docs/Other DOCS
- Nitrates Partnership for South Hampshire Report 2019 in NP Docs/Other Docs
- Odiham Bypass report 2019 in NP Docs/Transport

61/19/NPC Documents passed into the public domain

- Heritage, Design & Materials appendix v8 2019 in NP Evidence Base
 - Heritage, Design & Materials images v8 2019 in NP Evidence Base
 - Planning Policy Framework bpc v3 2019 in NP Evidence Base
- These documents were all now available for public viewing on the website.

62/19/NPC Documents for next meeting

- Health WP wg v1 2019 in NP Docs/Health
- Surveys WP wg v1 2019 in NP Docs/Communication
- Transport WP wg v1 2019

Although the Chairman and Cllr Mercer had been extremely busy with BPC and NPC business it was hoped that these WPs would be ready for discussion at the September meeting.

63/19/NPC Documents for this meeting

- B SHLAA WP bpc v17 extract 2019 circulated with the Agenda
- Communications WP wg v5 extract 2019 circulated with Agenda
- Economy WP wg v4 2019 in NP Docs/Economy
- Housing WP v9 2019 in NP Docs/Topic Papers
- Infrastructure WP wg v15 2019 in NP Docs/Infrastructure

All the above documents to be discussed under Working Groups.

- 63.1 Heritage, Design & Materials bpc v8 extract 2019, circulated with the Agenda
This WP had been essentially passed by the BPC, but some minor changes had been asked for, as described below.
- 63.2 Item 7.55 - Addition of information about countryside views and rural walkways.
Item 7.59 - Changes to the description of properties in Boorley Green and their relation to the local vernacular.
- 63.3 Mike Anthony asked how the term Local Vernacular was defined. The Chairman said that the term Vernacular Architecture was specific to buildings of a particular period, but Local Vernacular was a broader description of the size, architectural styles, materials, road layout and open spaces of an area. Cllr Hunter thought that it was a broad description of typical local building styles over a period of a hundred years or so.
- 63.4 The Committee agreed that the Chairman should report the changes in the Heritage, Design & Materials Paper to the BPC at their next meeting.

64/19/NPC Working Groups

- 64.1 Communications
- 64.1a Regarding Communication WP wg v5 extract 2019, some details had now been confirmed.
Item 1.10 and 1.18. Evidence had been found to confirm that these press releases had been sent out. Copies of printed articles had been retrieved and the document changed to reflect these updates,
- 64.1b The 2017 public drop-in was confirmed to have taken place on two Saturdays. Despite much chasing, the individual comments made by the public on these occasions had not been found. However, a written summary of these, made at the time, is included in the WP.
- 64.1c It was agreed that this WP could be presented to the BPC.
- 64.2 Economy
- 64.2a Cllr Jones had joined Cllr Wildin to work on the Economy WP. Cllr Jones commented that it was difficult to decide on Objectives, as it was not known what residents wanted. The Chairman said that the WG should put down Objectives that it thought needed to be addressed in the NP. These could then be compared with future feed-back from residents. Also, Planet would decide what Objectives would satisfy the Vision and this would determine what Policies were required.
- 64.2b Cllr Wildin was discussing with Derek Oswald the possibility of resurrecting the Botley Traders group. He would talk with as many of them as possible.
- 64.2c There was discussion about items in the WP, in particular the suggestion of establishing a local training centre for young people and encouraging local firms to take on apprentices from the local community.

- 64.2d The Chairman once again reminded everyone that it was important to distinguish between things that were within the scope of the NP and were achievable, and those that would have to be provided by other agencies or were simply not achievable.
- 64.3 Education
There was nothing more to be done by this WG at the moment, but Cllr Jones commented that the opening date of the Boorley Park primary school was now in doubt..
- 64.4 Health
The Chairman gave the good news that Dr Ruth Padday would be joining the Health WG and he also had a pretty firm promise of help from a local dentist.
- 64.5 Housing
- 64.5a Changes to the EBC Local Plan (LP) required by the Inspector had necessitated upgrading of the SHLAA. Therefore, the WG had updated B SHLAA WP bpc v17 as follows.
- 64.5b 3-20-C Woodhill School. Probably this site will be offered for development. It was suggested that the school car park would be a very useful addition to the Parish parking supply if it could be acquired and this will be included in the BNP.
- 64.5c 3-21-C Woodhill School. Probably this site will be offered for development. It was suggested that land might be provided here for a footpath linking the High Street Recreation Ground to Hedge End via Experimental Lane and this will be included in the BNP.
- 64.5d 3-23-C Land South of Winchester Road. This was now part of the Local Gap. There was a light employment site here and the BNP was recommending that it should remain for employment use.
- 64.5e 3-12-C Land East of Kings Copse Avenue. If this site were to be developed it could provide allotment land for West Botley and possibly a new cemetery if ground water levels allowed and this will be included in the BNP.
- 64.5f EBC have finally decided that the Precosa Road site should be removed from the Local Plan.
- 64.5g Housing WP v9 2019. This document, originally a Topic Paper written by Tony Charles, needed amending as some wording was now irrelevant because of changes to the LP. A major consideration was that the Boorley Park and Boorley Gardens developments could not now be included in the EBC LP housing numbers, although 118 houses on three small sites in Boorley Green would be counted. Cllr Hunter said that he had already altered the wording to ensure that these major developments were clearly recorded although not now in the LP.
- 64.6 Infrastructure
- 64.6a Infrastructure WP wg v15 2019. Peter Kemp had completed the text for this paper and felt that there was no more that he could add. The Chairman had formatted the document, with some re-numbering and Cllr Hunter was working on updates for a v16.
- 64.6b Cllr Hunter mentioned that there was a possibility that it might not be feasible to bury the high voltage cables across the Uplands Farm site. In that case there would be land around them unusable for inhabited buildings and then this land might then be used for allotments and Village parking.
- 64.6c The Cooperative Group had been asked if they had plans to install electric charging points at their Maypole Garage
- 64.6d Members were asked to read and comment on the WP before it was put before the BPC. The Chairman said that Peter Kemp and Cllr Hunter had done first class work in producing this paper.
- 64.7 Locality
Cllr Clark thought that more work might be required to complete all the Locality workstream. The Chairman agreed to check which part of the workstream was incomplete and to discuss this with Planet, who regularly stressed that no unnecessary work should be undertaken.
- 64.8 Transport
- 64.8a Cllr Mercer was re-writing parts of the document that were now historical.
- 64.8b The drop-in session for Botley shop owners had been carried out. Cllr Mercer and Derek Oswald would produce a report in due course.
- 64.8c HCC were holding developers' money intended for road improvements at Boorley Green (BG). Any road closures, or other changes, would need a consensus of BG residents and would not be happening immediately.

65/19/NPC Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

66/19/NPC Date of next meeting

Wednesday 18 September 2019 at 7.15 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.51 pm.