

Botley Neighbourhood Plan Committee (BNPC)
Report to Botley Parish Council (BPC) meeting 13 November 2018

Meeting of the relaunched BNPC, 17 October 2018

- 9 Councillors were present
- The Committee elected Cllr Weeden as Chairman and Cllr Wildin as Vice Chairman and later in the meeting as Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Project Coordinator
- The main decisions reached or actions agreed were:
 - we should use all types of media to attract at least 6 non-Councillor voting members
 - as voting non-Councillor members joined the BNPC some Councillors would need to relinquish their vote although they might choose to remain on the Committee as non-voting members
 - NP training was a high priority and a number of options were briefly discussed, the matter will be progressed by Cllrs Mercer and Hunter
 - potential funding of up to £9000 was available for NP via Locality but the decision to apply and the application were matters for BPC
 - an integral part of the NP process will be effective on-going consultation with local residents
 - a meeting with Tony Charles, Planning Consultant, would be arranged to explore his re-engagement with the NP process
 - a meeting with Julia Birt and representatives of the EBC Planning Department would be arranged to seek advice as to what EBC might expect in a NP and what assistance they could provide
 - all relevant documents relating to the NP process would be posted on the NP area in the Parish website and available to all Councillors
- The next meeting has been arranged for 14 November 2018

Progress since the BNPC meeting

- Some additions to the BNPC's Terms of Reference (March 2018) have been prepared to give greater clarity to the roles and responsibilities and these will be discussed at the next meeting and the final version will be referred to BPC for their opinion/approval
- A simple draft announcement of the relaunch of the NP process has been prepared (draft attached to this report) and this will be discussed at the next meeting and the final version will be referred to BPC for their opinion/approval
- The Working Groups, topics covered and membership will be discussed at the next meeting
- A meeting with Tony Charles was held on 01 November and he has agreed to continue to work with the BNPC in developing the NP. The financial implications of this work will be discussed at the next meeting and if supported a request for funding will be presented to BPC
- A NP Project Plan and Document Library are being developed

Cllr David Weeden
Chairman BNPC
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