



**MINUTES OF 38th MEETING OF THE BENTWORTH PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (BNP)
STEERING COMMITTEE, HELD AT 19.45 ON 3rd DECEMBER 2018 AT HAWES' HOUSE**

Present: Boyd McCleary (BMcC), Debbie Rhodes (DR), Alasdair Pepper (AP), Nicholas Branch (NB),
Veronica Parker (VP), David Hawes (DHa)

Apologies: None

No	Points Noted/Agreed	Action	Timeline
1.	<p>Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We approved the minutes of the 37th meeting of the Steering Committee on 30.04.18. To be circulated to all members and observers and placed on the Parish Council website. 	BMcC	01/01/19
2.	<p>EHDC Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BMcC reported that he and DR had attended EHDC's workshop/briefing meeting on 16th May BMcC noted that EHDC had advised us that they were currently putting together their new Local Plan and considering site allocations (following their call for LAA sites, which had closed on 4 May 2018). They expected a draft to be ready for consultation at end January/early February 2019. The draft Local Plan would give more information on the proposed housing allocation. EHDC's advice was that we should wait till more information was available before making further progress on the Neighbourhood Plan. We agreed to keep all work on sites on hold, but to continue work on policies and narrative for our Neighbourhood Plan. We thought it likely that we could aim to hold a referendum in autumn 2019 and to complete the Neighbourhood Plan by the end of 2019. 		
3.	<p>Sites and Drainage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BMcC reported that he had heard further from Project 26, the representatives of the owners of site BTW003. They had sent a revised site plan for the site, showing the affordable housing integrated more fully with the market housing. We noted that David Hutley had spoken to the person in EHDC responsible for drainage and that he had been very vague. He had indicated that, when giving planning permission, it would be assumed that the correct drainage would be implemented. There did not appear to be a need to stipulate drainage at the time of seeking planning approval. We agreed that there was no need for us to get further involved in the issue of drainage. 		
4.	<p>Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BMcC and NB both reported that they had taken photographs of the views from site BTW002 towards the two Grade II listed buildings to show the distance and screening already in existence. BMcC noted that there had been no further contact with Ropley concerning the SEA. 		

	passed this to the Clerk to the Parish council for payment. There were no further invoices outstanding.		
10.	Dropbox <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BMcC reminded members that all relevant papers relating to the Neighbourhood Plan were available on Dropbox. The relevant link was: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ndw1o3tk5mbjv1z/AAAZwe1j1_HMT7zn4RraWHXVa?dl=0 		
11.	Green Spaces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We noted that there had been correspondence between Henry Berens, owner of the cricket ground, and the Parish Council. 		
12.	Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We noted that an article had appeared in “The Villager” in April 2018, advising parishioners of the position following the changes in legal requirements. A further update had been provided to the Parish Council for their meeting on 6th November; this had been published as an appendix to the Parish Council minutes. There was nothing further to say at this stage. 		
13.	Traffic Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BMcC reported that the Parish Council was intending to see whether there was anything further which could be done to address parishioners’ concerns about the increasing volume of traffic in Bentworth. He had provided a note to the Council on parishioners’ views expressed at Neighbourhood Plan public meetings and in response to our Expression of Interest survey. DH said that the Parish Council was planning a public meeting on this issue and would welcome it if a representative of the Steering Committee could be present. We agreed in principle that a representative should attend. 		
11.	Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We agreed to hold our next meeting in mid-February 2019. 	BMcC	15/01/19