



**MINUTES OF 39th MEETING OF THE BENTWORTH PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (BPNP) STEERING COMMITTEE, HELD AT 19.45 ON 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019 AT McCLEARYS' 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><b>Minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We approved the minutes of the 38th meeting of the Steering Committee on 03.12.18. To be circulated to all members and observers and placed on the Parish Council website.</li> </ul>	BMcC	01/02/19
2.	<p><b>EHDC Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BMcC noted that EHDC had published their draft Local Plan in mid December. According to this draft:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ EHDC is required to build 11,556 homes by 2036. Of these 6,500 have already been built since the plan began in 2017, 1,100 will be built in the South Downs National Park, 1,000 will be provided through small-scale developments, leaving a minimum of about 3,500 to be constructed in the area of East Hampshire outside the South Downs National Park.</li> <li>○ EHDC are aiming to meet this additional housing need predominantly through additional growth at Whitehill &amp; Bordon, a new settlement at Northbrook Park (between Bentley and Farnham) and in the northern part of the district along the A31 corridor.</li> <li>○ the minimum number of dwellings required for Bentworth is six (all of which already have planning permission). EHDC propose (see page 132 of the draft) to make no new allocations to the parish and indeed propose not to take forward the allocation of the site on the corner of Church Street and Ashley Road (which we have known as site BTW001).</li> <li>○ We and other parishes with emerging Neighbourhood Plans are, however, encouraged to produce site allocations that go beyond the minimum requirement.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• We noted that the revised Local Plan was a draft only and was thus still subject to change. The draft would be open for formal consultation for a period of six weeks from 5th February to 19th March 2019.</li> <li>• We agreed that there was no point in holding a further public meeting, or public consultation until there was more certainty about the new Local Plan.</li> <li>• BMcC reported that EHDC had told us they would not be meeting individually with us or other Neighbourhood Planning groups before then, but would be holding a meeting on 14th January, at which they will advise on how to respond to the draft Local Plan.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We agreed that the Steering Committee should attend the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January and would be represented by BMcC and DR.</li> </ul>	BMcC/ DR	
3.	<p><b>Sub-committees on Policies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We noted that the new draft Local Plan would have an impact on the policies we had been developing, though a significant number of the policies would remain valid.</li> <li>We agreed that we should do further work on Views and Green Spaces. BMcC to take this forward.</li> <li>We agreed to check what the current state of play was with regard to the waiting list of persons with local connections seeking rented accommodation.</li> <li>BMcC reported that had been given the name of the relevant contact in Hampshire County Council and would now take forward the question of them providing comprehensive map of footpaths and other rights of way.</li> </ul>	BMcC  DR  BMcC	15/02/19  31/01/19  15/02/19
4.	<p><b>Sub-Committee on Narrative</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NB apologized for not having circulated the template he had received from Planet for the Narrative component of the Neighbourhood Plan and said he would now do this. (Dropbox).</li> <li>We agreed that NB and VP would meet to take drafting forward. NB would involve BMcC when they were ready to have his input.</li> </ul>	NB  NB/VP	15/01/19  28/02/19
5.	<p><b>Budget</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BMcC reported that he had been in touch with the Clerk to the Parish Council about budget with a view to reconciling all expenditure on the NP.</li> <li>We noted that there was unlikely to be significant further expenditure in the near future.</li> <li>DH reported that the Parish Council had put some money towards NP expenditure over the past few months and were planning to claim this back from Groundworks UK. They were content to cover future expenditure and would also claim this back from Groundworks UK.</li> </ul>		
6.	<p><b>Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We agreed that we should hold off contacting Historic England pending clarification of where we were going on sites.</li> </ul>		
7.	<p><b>Communication</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We noted that BMcC had posted a report on the new draft EHDC Local Plan via John Stockdale's circulation list on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018, inviting parishioners to comment if they had any input at this stage.</li> <li>BMcC reported that there had been no responses from parishioners.</li> <li>We agreed that BMcC should put a similar article into the February issue of "The Villager" and that we should continue to keep parishioners informed.</li> </ul>	BMcC	14/01/19
8.	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We agreed to hold our next meeting after the EHDC meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019. BMcC would circulate possible dates.</li> </ul>	BMcC	20/01/19