



MINUTES OF 33rd MEETING OF THE BENTWORTH PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (BPNP) STEERING COMMITTEE, HELD AT 19.45 ON 22nd JANUARY 2018 AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Present: Boyd McCleary (BMcC), Alasdair Pepper (AP), Dave Hutley, (DHu), Debbie Rhodes (DR), Nicholas Branch (NB), Colin Brooks (CB)

Apologies: David Hawes (DHa), Veronica Parker (VP)

No	Points Noted/Agreed	Action	Timeline
1.	<p>Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We approved the minutes of the 32nd meeting of the Steering Committee on 10.01.17. To be circulated to all members and observers and placed on the Parish Council website. 	BMcC	29/01/18
2.	<p>Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BMcC reported that the following information arising from the Public Meeting on 28th November 2017 had been uploaded onto the website: BMcC's remarks, a note on the Questions and Answers given at the meeting, an analysis of the Expressions of Preference forms. BMcC reported that he had also written an article for the February issue of "The Villager"; this contained the analysis of the Expressions of Preference Form 		
3.	<p>New Legal Requirements for Local Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DR reported on a briefing by EHDC which she had attended on 18.01.18. This was about new national legal requirements which were being introduced for Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plans. The main points of the briefing were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Joint Core Strategy would become out of date in May 2019 EHDC would therefore need to create a new Local Plan for the District outside the South Downs National Park for 2017-36; the aim was to have the new plan adopted by end 2019 There would be a new call for sites (not just residential) in the near future There was an expectation that the housing allocation for the District would increase, but the actual figure would not be known before summer 2018 The Local Plan and all Neighbourhood Plans (NPs) would need to be reviewed every five years EHDC would be meeting with all NP Steering Committees to provide further information and agree a strategy We noted that we appeared to have three options: to stop all work on the Bentworth NP, to press ahead regardless and to steer a middle course. We agreed to leave a decision until we had met with EHDC. Meanwhile we should continue our work. We agreed that our delegation to meet EHDC should be BMcC, DR and AP. We agreed that we should seek further clarification from our planning consultants on the likely implications. 	BMcC	04/02/18

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We agreed that it was essential to brief parishioners on these changes once we had further information. 		
4.	Site Selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We agreed that NB should chase the representatives of the owner of site BTW002 with a view to them providing further information about the site. We noted that BMcC had been in touch with the school leadership, who had undertaken to provide their comments by 31st January 2018 We agreed to look further into the issues related to traffic congestion around the school We agreed to look further at the issue of sewage NB reported that he had been in touch with our County Councillor, Mark Kemp-Gee, who was trying to put us in touch with the relevant official at HCC Highways about access issues. 	BMcC/DHu DHu NB	04/02/18 04/02/18 04/02/18
5.	Strategic Environmental Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BMcC reported that he had been in touch with the Ropley Steering Committee, who had provided some initial information about the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment in Ropley; they had agreed to meet BMcC in February; he would report back after he had seen them. We agreed that, based on Ropley's initial advice, we should contact Historic England. 	BMcC BMcC	15/02/18 30/01/18
6.	Green Spaces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BMcC reported that he had received a further letter from Henry Berens' solicitor regarding the Cricket Ground. He had included a suitable apology in the article in "The Villager" and the website. 		
7.	Sub-committees on Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We endorsed the sub-committee's revised draft of the Vision, Objectives and Policies and agreed that DR should now ask Planet to revise these in line with guidance. We agreed that DR should meet with Liz Bourne of Planet together with NB and BMcC. 	DR	09/02/18
8.	Sub-committee on Narrative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CB reported that the sub-committee on narrative had met and was making good progress. 		
9.	Timetable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We noted the proposed timetable, which NB had circulated and agreed, in the light of our discussion about the new legal requirements (see item 3 above), that we should for now not attempt any further adjustment of the timetable. 		
10.	Invoices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We agreed that DHu should check again concerning any outstanding invoices related to the Public Meeting. 	DHu	07/02/18
11.	Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We agreed to hold our next meeting at 7:45 on 7th February 2018 at BMcC's house. 	All	

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