

# **BPC Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee**

(Formerly known as Botley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group)

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 23rd. March, 2017**  
**7.15 p.m. in the Botley Centre Committee Room**

**Present:** Cllr. Colin Mercer (CM), Cllr. Lesley Bowler (LB), Cllr. Ron Clark (RC), Cllr. Sue Grinham (SG), Gerald Bradley (GB), Hugh Dixon (HD), David Grinham (DG), Bob Nimmo (BN), Stephen Wildin (SW).

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr. Jeff Jones, Derek Oswald.
- 2. Declaration of interest:** None
- 3. Election of Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

**Chairman:** David Grinham. Prop. Colin Mercer. Sec. Hugh Dixon  
Agreed unanimously

**Vice-Chairman:** Colin Mercer. Prop. Hugh Dixon Sec. David Grinham  
All were in agreement

#### **4. Committee title**

It was suggested that the title Botley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group should be changed to Botley Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee.

Prop. Colin Mercer. Sec. Sue Grinham. All were in favour

#### **5. Minutes Secretary**

Rosemary Nimmo has agreed to continue as Minutes Secretary on the basis of one month's notice on either side. Remuneration to be £65 per meeting, as previously agreed.

#### **6. Minutes of the previous meeting – 1.03.17**

These were agreed to be a correct record.

Prop. Hugh Dixon. Sec. Sue Grinham. Unanimous

#### **7. Matters arising**

##### **(i) SG's questions to Tony Charles**

Tony has replied to these and his response has been circulated and is on file.

The gist of his reply is that it is unlikely that the by-pass (or more accurately, the relief road) can be delivered without development at BO2. On the other hand, such development might not necessarily achieve the new road. He considers there to be no upside to opposing house building on this site.

The neutral stance can be interpreted more as a conditional stance – that, if the site is allocated for housing, appropriate benefits for Botley must follow or planning permission should be refused. It was suggested at the last meeting that we could request an increased percentage of affordable homes since Boorley Park was only providing 30% rather than the normal 35%. The downside could be that the relief road doesn't happen but we get the housing anyway.

After discussion the Chairman summed up the situation as "Stay agnostic and give a little to achieve a lot"

#### **(ii) Planning datelines**

CM said that he understood that finance for the BO2 Environmental Studies is in place for this fiscal year and that the planning application is likely to go ahead in the 3rd. quarter.

The application for the by-pass is expected in the 1st. quarter but has not been confirmed. This is the vital step for achievement of the new road and CM is pressing Cllr. Rob Humby for confirmation of HCC's intentions. Two things now in favour of it proceeding are that Sean Woodward has withdrawn his opposition, now that he is getting government money for the Stubbington by-pass, and Winchester City has approved their section of the route.

#### **(iii) Further points arising from the discussion**

- It is not known if EBC have actually instigated legal action against the Minister over his approval of the 680 houses west of Winchester Road, Boorley Green. We will follow this up.
- What is the difference between a strategic policy and a strategic site? CM will ask Tony to define them.
- EBC, as is the case with most councils, has adopted the Section 106 approach to developers' contributions, rather than Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). This gives them more control over how the money is spent.

### **8. The Housing Paper from Tony Charles**

This is not quite complete because he is waiting on EBC to supply information on the affordable housing need. Some appendices are also missing. CM has asked him to send the document anyway as these items are not essential at the moment. He will be in touch with Tony in the morning and will update the group as soon as possible.

A provisional date of Tuesday 4th. April was agreed for discussion of the paper, assuming its arrival to be imminent.

## **9. Working Groups**

- **Transport and Highways**

CM and HD have produced and circulated a draft paper. Members are asked to study this and then send any comments or suggestions to the Secretary- cc. to CM and HD

- **Medical**

RC has been looking at the Southern Parishes Locality Plan to identify practice patient numbers. The St. Luke's and Botley surgeries are to join with other practices at Weston and Harefield – not the most obvious combination. SG will now be able to assist in gathering further facts to inform this section of the Plan.

- **Heritage**

HD has done a new draft with slightly less emphasis on history and more attention to the surviving heritage assets. RC, RN and the Secretary have offered to work on further aspects. It was agreed that the draft will be circulated in its present form, with more work on it to follow.

## **10. Chairman's comments**

The new Chairman said that he was anxious to pick up on GB's Communications plan as soon as possible. It is vital to get out information to the residents and revitalize their interest and involvement. We must find the best possible ways of going out to the community. Consultation is, of course, essential and we should look for expertise to help us to do this in the best possible way.

The Chairman sees his role as being the person who pulls the group together, ensuring that everyone has equal status, all opinions are given equal consideration and that our various skills are used to the very best in making a strong and effective group.

It was then agreed that the Chairman, LB and GB will form a working group to put together the communications plan. SW also expressed an interest. CM recommended that, in parallel, they should consult Janet Morgan regarding conformity with any Parish rules that might apply.

## **11. Next meeting**

Provisionally: Tuesday, 4th. April, at 7.15 in the Committee Room.

Rosemary Nimmo  
Secretary

30.03.17