

**BPC Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 26th. June, 2017**  
**7.15 p.m. in the Botley Centre Committee Room**

**Present:** David Grinham, Chairman (DG), Cllr. Colin Mercer, Vice Chairman (CM), Cllr. Sue Grinham (SG), Cllr. Jeff Jones (JJ), Bob Nimmo (BN), Rosemary Nimmo (RN), Derek Oswald (DO), Stephen Wildin, Project Manager (SW).

1. **Apologies:** Ron Clark, Hugh Dixon, John Gorham.

2. **Declarations of interest:** None

3. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24.05.17, were agreed to be a correct record.

4. **Matters arising:**

There were no matters arising.

5. **Chairman's comments**

The Chairman first said how much he regretted the resignation of Lesley Bowler from this committee and as a Parish Councillor. We will greatly miss her experience and knowledge.

He then stated that, although the Parish Council (BPC) is responsible for hiring consultant Tony Charles (TC), it must be the place of the Advisory Committee to decide the priority of the work we ask him to undertake. This will then be passed on to the BPC for ratification. All communications should go through the Project Manager.

6. **Overall project report and Housing**

The Project Manager apologised for not being available lately for family reasons, but he is now getting back to work. Clearly the most vital element in the programme is housing. TC has now produced TP1, TP2 and the Housing Chapter, which is under discussion. DG and SW are proposing amendments to make the paper absolutely in agreement with the committee's decision to remain neutral on BO2, with the various provisos. SW was asked to circulate a mark-up copy for the committee to consider, so that any changes can be sent to TC as soon as possible. They are also looking at changes to the SLAA document.

## 7. Communications and Consultation

DO is keeping a log of all communications to date and publicity contacts.

Consultation is now vitally urgent and there was lengthy discussion regarding our next actions. It was agreed that we will need at least two consultations this year; the first to be as soon as possible and covering a limited number of items, with a more comprehensive programme for consultation, perhaps in November.

The Chairman therefore proposed that we will hold an interim consultation on: BO2, with the provisos; BO2 with funding for the by-pass; opinions about the by-pass itself. Due wording to be used to cover the previous consultation and exhibition and to be as unbiased as possible.

Seconded by CM. All in agreement.

It was later decided that other key items from Transport will also be included.

Consideration was then given to the form the consultation should take. It was agreed that every house in the parish will be leafleted and that stakeholders, local traders and other appropriate groups will also be consulted. CM agreed that during the consultation period a display could also be mounted in the Centre foyer, with cards and posting box. SG said that we must have other "drop in" sites around the community and also suggested a downloadable form on the website. DO thought there could also be an e-mail address for replies.

### Next actions to be taken

- DO was asked to put together wording for the leaflet, including the questions which DG will draft on key points from Housing and Transport. It is important to point out that more of the Plan will be put before the community in due course. It is the current intention that the leaflet will go out to all households before the end of July.
- Lesley Bowler will be asked to help with putting information on Facebook.
- SG will draft an item for September's Parish News. This will remind readers that they should already have had the consultation leaflet and will explain the status of the NP and what is to happen next. (Circulate for comment). She will also ask John Hamon, a graphics expert, if he will help to design the leaflet, posters and other display items.
- DO will e-mail the Stakeholders.

We have been offered the opportunity to mount a display at the Curdridge Show on the 15th. July. DO will book a space, subject to there being enough volunteers to help on the day and to a display being available – we have about two weeks to get this organized.

## **8. Other Working Group updates**

### **(i) Transport**

CM reported that the draft document ran to about 30 pages. Subjects covered included directional traffic analysis, car parking, air quality management and, of course, the by-pass. Official traffic counts from 2014 showed 18,000 movements E/W through Botley per day, 6000 southerly and a high number of HGVs. (The limit on Kings Copse Avenue is not being enforced.)

A separate section will be needed for Boorley Green (BG), where unfortunately no traffic surveys have been done. The closest record was on the B3354 at Horton Heath, showing an average of 14,000 per day over one week. The Parish Council is in the process of planning its own survey for BG.

CM will distribute the Transport draft for comment, with facility for mark-up. JJ said that as Keith House has confirmed that there will be no changes to Kings Copse Avenue, it is vital for West Botley to have their say. The Chairman said we also needed to consider how to consult on traffic problems with surrounding parishes.

### **(ii) Heritage**

RN has circulated the completed document which has been received favourably with no suggested amendments. DG said that TC is working on a combined Heritage and Design statement but we don't necessarily have to follow his plan. BN said that we could put Tourism back with Heritage, and RN thought it was perfectly reasonable, indeed desirable, to repeat the same information in several sections of the Plan.

DG felt that we must maximise the effect of Botley's heritage and perhaps should look again at this section to use it to the very best advantage. CM will circulate TC's Heritage paper when completed.

### **(iii) Social and Physical infrastructure**

JJ reported that he and JG had met to get this section moving. He was looking at employment and JG was working on community investment and other items. There were 157 businesses in the Plan area, mainly with fewer than 10 employees. Kevin Barton has been asked to input to the Education section.

BN commented that he had written a short item on the social inclusion of the new estates. CM said that the developers were paying for the employment of a worker for this purpose, to be employed by BPC and based at the Centre.

**9. Any other business**

- EBC has at last issued the up to date SLAA. CM has made maps of N and S Botley with different coloured areas according to development possibilities. There are comments from the planning officers that we may need to defend against. EBC have also revised their gaps policy, mostly reducing them, and have completely removed the gap between Brook Lane and the centre of Botley. The good news is that a 5-year land supply has been finally achieved.
- HCC have strengthened their minerals policy, with no building to be allowed in those areas. EBC will have to take these into account when allotting development sites.
- BN and RN are looking into a report that the proposed school for the Welborne new town at Fareham will have to be moved because the Health and Safety Executive have said it is too near a large gas main. This could be relevant to Boorley Green.
- The Chairman is still pressing for a meeting with EBC to discuss our Plan status – they have a legal duty to assist us.

**10. Date of next meeting**

Monday, 24th. July, at 7.15 in the Committee Room.

R. A. F. Nimmo  
Secretary

10.07.17