

**Botley Neighbourhood Plan Committee (BNPC)**  
**Report to Botley Parish Council (BPC) meeting 25 August 2020**

The last formal BNPC Report to the BPC was given at the meeting on 10 March 2020. The planned BNPC meetings on 14 April, 12 May, 09 June and 14 July 2020 were cancelled due to the Coronavirus outbreak and no virtual meetings have been held so far. However, work has continued on developing both the first and second drafts of the Botley Neighbourhood Plan (BNP).

A monthly Report from March to July 2020 relating to the BNPC and a monthly Change List from March to August 2020 relating to changes in the previously agreed Papers in the Evidence Base have been posted on the Neighbourhood Plan web page on the Botley web site on the tab NP Reports to the Parish Council. These documents are directly assessable to the public via the Botley web site.

Progress since the last BNPC report to the BPC

- There are no outstanding draft BNPC Minutes for the BPC to consider
- Urgent BNPC business has continued to be transacted electronically
- To keep the residents informed of any important progress in developing the BNP a monthly report has been posted on the Neighbourhood Plan web page on the Botley web site, as has been a monthly Change List, outlining any significant changes to the Evidence Base.
- Microsoft Teams for various Parish Council Committees have been successful and there will a virtual BNPC to discuss the draft BNP. This will not be a formal meeting of the BNPC, as there will be no public participation because the draft BNP at this time is not a public document
- Comments by email were requested from all BNPC members on the first draft of the Skeleton BNP (38 pages) provided by Planet and these were returned to Planet for consideration
- The second draft of the Skelton BNP (74 pages) is now being commented on by the BNPC and hopefully the next set of suggestions will be returned to Planet by late August
- Once the third draft of the BNP has been agreed it will be presented to the BPC with a view to agreeing public access
- Unless there is a change to the Coronavirus 2020 Regulations no Referendums may take place before 06 May 2021
- Further to the instruction by the BPC to request a meeting with Cllr House at Eastleigh Borough Council to discuss the New Homes Bonus Scheme we are waiting for a reply to our request, sent on 19 August 2020, for a virtual meeting

After the resignation of Graham Hunter from the BPC the members of the BNPC unanimously agreed that they wished him to remain as Vice Chair. To this end a resolution, proposed by Cllr Weeden and seconded by Cllr Mercer, to vary paragraph 4d of the BNPC Terms of Reference is shown below. This variation would remain in force until the next Parish Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) or until Graham steps down as Vice Chair, if this is before the next Parish AGM.

Resolution:

**That paragraph 4d of the Terms of Reference for the BNPC is changed from *The Committee Chair and Vice Chair shall be Parish Councillors and they shall be elected by the Committee members* to *The Committee Chair shall be a Parish Councillor and the Vice Chair may be either a Parish Councilor or a voting non-Councillor member and he/she shall be elected by the Committee members.***

David Weeden  
Chair BNPC  
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