

## Meeting of Bovingdon Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

### Zoom Conference Call

6:30pm on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021

#### **Attendees:**

Julia Marshall - Chairman  
Jacqueline Veater – Planning Consultant  
Anne Barrett  
Philip Walker  
Clare Norton  
June Gossling  
John Hislam  
Sue Miller  
Dave Stent

Pauline Wright (until 7.10pm)  
Ben Richardson  
Michelle Hilditch  
Alison Gunn

#### **Apologies:**

Graham Barrett  
Neil Crockett  
Paul Campbell  
Gary Cullum

### 1. Minutes of BNPSG's Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> December Over Zoom - Agreed

### 2. Matters arising

- **Local Economy & Employment Group** – Brad Gunn has decided to step down from the NPSG and Dave Stent has taken over as leader of the BG. Dave paid tribute to Brad for all his hard work and this was echoed by all members of the group. JM has thanked Brad personally.
- **Local Economy & Employment Group, Pudds Cross** – JM, DS and other parish councillors, had a positive meeting with the owners. DBC has designated the area as an employment zone in the Local Plan. JM & DS to have a follow up conversation with the owners, regarding the Parish Council's wish to lobby Dacorum to make an Article 4 designation to protect employment use of the site.
- **Transport Group, Policy 1** – JV has emailed BR with suggested wording for a future focussed policy on congestion.

### 3. Group Updates

#### Transport Group

- **Action Plan** – This had been circulated. BR favours categorising each scheme using simple criteria on a sliding scale. E.G. Funding Cost: High/Medium/Low; Delivery Time Scale: Long/Medium/Short. Some actions may need to be treated as a project and be broken down into separate elements. There is also a need to cross reference topics which are referred to by other groups elsewhere in the NP. E.g. the likely increase of traffic movement if and when new business zones are established.

#### Community Group –

- **Powerpoint Presentation** – AB had drafted this and SM had added animation. It was well received and considered to be suitable for the target audience.
- **Action Plan** – The group has set out its Projects / Tasks and asked for clarification about filling in details under the other headings. JV said that once a Neighbourhood Plan has been approved it is common for a new group to emerge that will take the actions forward, under the wing of the Parish Council. At the current stage Action points should be referred to in the text of the NP. More detail can be added in supplementary documents. JV offered to assist with this.

- **Cycle Routes** – JH said that he is preparing a paper on possible cycling routes between Bovingdon and Hemel Station and will circulate it. **Action. JH**
- **Stoney Lane** – There was no support for developing this as a cycle route. Objections were that the surface is too uneven and cyclists would interfere with walkers.
- **Footpath Survey** – JH has categorised the village footpaths and access passageways. He will circulate the final version **Action JH**
- **Little Hay - Scout Hut & Allotments** – CN queried this policy. She had been speaking to Stephen Mendham at DBC who said DBC are not supportive of the relocation of the Scout Hut to this location and intimated that the Council are thinking of extending the Golf Course. JM offered to speak to Stephen to clarify DBC's intentions. **Action JM**
- **The Scout Hut** – The hut needs restoring/rebuilding and it was suggested that the Parish Council support fundraising efforts to restore the premises at its present location and upgrade the premises for wider community use.

### Employment & Economy Group

DS said that he was busy taking over responsibility for this group and acknowledged the wealth of information that BG has compiled to date. JV had provided feedback on a draft version of the presentation for the consultation.

### Housing Group

- **Design Codes** – CN said that Chris Davy has drafted a Design Code, which will be discussed at the next Housing Group meeting on Thursday. CN asked if the Codes should be included in the NP. JV advised that they have a status in the plan and will be examined. However, they are best treated as a supplementary planning document and should be referred to in policies. They will then remain dynamic and able to be updated from time to time.
- **Security & Community Safety** – CN asked if this was covered elsewhere in the plan. JH said that he has done some work on this in relation to footpaths. BR has expertise in this and will speak with CN.

**Action BR & CN**

#### 4. NP Consultation with residents

- **The Villager** – There was no feedback from the December edition
- **Social Media** – JM said it would be better to abandon the YouTube idea as time is pressing on and concentrate on producing something straightforward that can be uploaded to Facebook and the website.  
Each working group was asked to summarise its policies in whatever format suited the content and a **deadline of 9<sup>th</sup> February** was set. Supplementary documents such as housing site assessments can be available on the website.

5. **AOB – Thakenham Homes – Leaflets have been distributed door-to-door advising residents of a proposed development of land adjacent to Louise Walk, off Green Lane.** The proposal comprises 50 homes, a junior sports pitch and a new scout hut. This development is contrary to the DBC local plan and the site was rejected as unsuitable in our NP site assessments. The Parish Council is opposed to this development. They will be responding formally to the local Plan consultation and will also prepare a statement for social media and the website.

The Meeting ended at 7.30 pm

**Next Meeting – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 6:30pm by Zoom**