

## Meeting of Bovington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

### Zoom Conference Call

6:30pm on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

#### **Attendees:**

Julia Marshall - Chairman  
Jacqueline Veater – Planning Consultant  
Philip Walker  
Clare Norton  
June Gossling  
John Hislam  
Sue Miller  
Dave Stent  
Pauline Wright (until 7.20pm)

Ben Richardson  
Alison Gunn  
Neil Crockett

#### **Apologies:**

Anne Barrett  
Graham Barrett  
Michelle Hilditch  
Paul Campbell  
Gary Cullum

#### **1. Minutes of BNPSG's Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January Over Zoom - Agreed**

#### **2. Matters arising**

- **Cycle Routes** – JH had circulated detailed maps and profiles of the routes to Hemel Station that he had researched. Cycling Routes generally had been a 'high want' item in the original survey.
- **Footpath Survey** – see Community Group item
- **Little Hay** - JM has made contact with Stephen Mendham (DBC) about future plans for the golf course and is awaiting a response to her enquiries.
- **Security and Community Safety** – CN & BR have made a start. This subject could be incorporated under design codes.

#### **3. Neighbourhood Consultation – PP Presentations & Timeline**

AB, JM, SM, BR & DS met with students of West Herts College, over Zoom; to discuss creating animations for the PowerPoint presentations, as part of their work experience. The consultation date has been pushed back to the beginning of April to give them sufficient time to submit their work and allow us to pick the best. AB will liaise with

The next issue of The Villager will include a brief update on the NP.

**Survey Monkey** – JV has started to structure a questionnaire and showed an example of how this should appear. Questions should be framed around specific proposals under each of our four group headings. E.g. Under Community & Environment residents will be invited to indicate their support or otherwise for better provision/protection of green spaces, allotments, footpaths, views and the designation of Bovington Green as a Conservation Area. The Housing group could frame their questions around the sites and also ask residents, "would you support a 'Design Code' for Bovington?"

#### **4. Response to the Dacorum Local Plan**

This can be accessed online via Dacorum – Current Consultations. JM asked if members were planning to respond individually via the 'Have Your Say' portal. It was decided to leave it to groups to work together if they wished. Alternatively, JM is happy to forward any responses that are emailed to her.

#### **5. Grange Farm Proposals by Whiteacre Ltd**

A leaflet had been distributed door to door with proposals to develop a 10 hectares (25acre) site to provide 150 new dwellings including 60 affordable homes. The masterplan would also provide housing for the elderly, a Nursing Home, possibly with a medical centre attached. The development also aims to resolve the existing flooding and drainage problems in the area. 3 hectares will be set aside to provide for the future relocation of Bovington Academy, as and when pupil intake exceeds

the capacity of the current premises. JM said she liked the design which was well contained and has good provision of footpaths and cycleways. CN said the % of affordable homes fits well with the housing needs survey.

JM said that the Parish Council are supporting the proposal and would respond favourably and that individuals are able to comment on the Whiteacre website.

## 6. Group Updates

### Transport Group

- **Consultation Presentation** – BR is in the process of preparing a brief for the college and hopes that the students will make use of animation to draw attention to issues around junctions and pedestrian crossings.

### Community Group

- **Group Name** – JV said this should be broadened to convey the environment and heritage aspects it encompasses. JH will relay this advice to AB **Action : JH**
- **Possible Accessway from Mitchell Drive towards the Village** – CN & JH have found what appears to be a useful shortcut to the village which is only barred by a fence at present. The developer of the Molyneux Avenue site is supportive of the idea. Enquiries will need to be made about the ownership of the land and whether residents would be in favour.

### Employment & Economy Group

- **NP Documents** - DS said that the principal documents are ready. He is working with NC to progress to the next stage.

### Housing Group

- **Consultation Presentation** - This has been refined. Still more work is needed on the design codes and the group has not yet started on the Action Plan.
- **Molyneux Ave Site** – CN & GB had an interesting meeting with the developer. It transpires that DBC reduced the housing allocation from 60 to 40 units and the group has adopted their density proposal. This reduction was questioned by the landowner. CN also raised the possibility of allotment provision with the agent.

The Meeting ended at 7.35 pm

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