

## Meeting of Bovingdon Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Memorial Hall

7:30pm on Tuesday 5th June 2018

### **Attendees:**

Julia Marshall  
Ben Richardson  
Dave Stent  
Anne Barrett  
Gary Gadston  
Brad Gunn  
Dave Ewington  
Neil Crockett  
Ros Goodyear  
Jenny Thomas  
Stephen Watkins  
Romaine Watkins  
Jacqueline Veater – Planning Consultant

### **Apologies:**

John Hislam  
James Cosgrave

#### **1. Welcome**

Julia agreed to act as chair of the Steering Group and welcomed all the volunteers.

#### **2. Introductions**

Each person gave a brief history of their interests and experience.

#### **3. What is a Neighbourhood Plan?**

Jacqueline gave an overview of what a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is and how it is produced. The NP must accord with the policies in the Dacorum Local Plan and National Planning Policy Framework, but can be tailored to be specific to Bovingdon's identified needs. It must be 'evidence based' and be agreed by DBC. It cannot be a protest against Dacorum's Local Plan.

A three-part package: The Neighbourhood Plan, a Condition Statement and a Consultation Statement.

#### **4. A Neighbourhood Plan for Bovingdon**

Following Dacorum's consultation on the four options for their Local Plan, which earmarked 4 potential sites for development in Bovingdon, the Parish Council resolved to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. To give residents a say in design and location of any potential development; in addition, there is increased CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) available to communities with a Neighbourhood Plan.

The NP will have planning policies for Bovingdon, which align with local & national policies, but can also have an Action Plan for ideas on how to improve Bovingdon.

The group identified issues & ideas for Bovingdon:

KEEP	CHANGE	NEW
Retail uses in High Street	Improve footpaths	Mobile Fish & Chip van
Library	Relocate removal company within the parish	Variety of shops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delicatessen</li> <li>• Wine Bar</li> <li>• 'Upmarket'</li> </ul>
Ryder Memorial	Reduce on-street parking in High Street	Use Library as a community meeting point (like Little Chalfont)
'Village' character (not a town)	Move school, to allow expansion & reduce congestion (High St) <i>*contentious</i>	Better advertising for events & activities
Welcoming community	Smarten up High Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (public realm)</li> <li>• Shop fronts</li> </ul>	Welcome pack for new villagers
Mix of housing	Increase available parking provision for the High Street	New Village Hall/Community Hub (King George V Playing fields & Memorial Hall from Great War) Needs updating/improving, but keep spirit.
Keep employment	Control speed of traffic through village, especially High Street	Purpose built medical centre & Pharmacy
Church area & surrounds		New school on new site*
Golf Course		
Bovingdon Green		
Brickworks		
Footpaths		
Stoney Lane (flint surface)		
Both Public Houses		
Retain Fish & chip shop as a retail outlet		

## 5. Gathering Information & Evidence

Need to identify & map areas for development. Technical assistance is available from [Locality.org.uk](http://Locality.org.uk), can include a character appraisal of the village. Jacqueline to help put together a potential programme for progress.

## **6. Volunteers – Areas of interest/roles**

The Steering Group will need the following:

- Chairperson
- Secretary/Administrator (including minute taking)
- Communications (IT literate, website & social media)

It is envisaged that we may split into smaller groups to undertake certain tasks.

Working parties could look at:

- Heritage
- High Street & businesses
- Identifying sites
- Community facilities

## **7. Next Steps**

- Bovingdon Parish Council to formally apply to Dacorum BC to designate whole of Bovingdon Parish as Neighbourhood Plan area
- BPC to set up a Drop Box to share NP documents (with a link for all SG members)
- Encourage more people to become involved: businesses, church, school, interest groups, (elderly; ramblers; sports clubs).
- Meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

**Next meeting Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall clubroom**

Meeting ended at 9:40pm