

Meeting of Bovington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Memorial Hall

7:30pm on Tuesday 10th July 2018

Attendees:

Julia Marshall
Ben Richardson
Dave Stent
Anne Barrett
Gary Gadston
Brad Gunn
Dave Ewington
Neil Crockett
John Hislam
James Cosgrave
Paul Campbell

Tracy Wood
Clare Norton
Ros Goodyear
Jenny Thomas
Veater Jacqueline – Planning Consultant

Apologies:

Stephen Watkins
Romaine Watkins
Chloe Thomson
Richard Jenkins

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. The minutes of the meeting on 5th June 2018 were agreed**
- 3. No matters arising**
- 4. Clare Norton agreed to act as minute taker for the group**
- 5. Skills & Experience**

Each member of the group gave details of their careers and interests

Paul Campbell	<i>Police traffic investigator, representing church</i>
Dave Ewington	<i>Sales, Bowls Club, committees</i>
Ben Richardson	<i>Police, traffic, Parish Councillor, Drive Safe</i>
Ros Goodyear -	<i>Social worker, children, wildlife</i>
Jenny Thomas	<i>Community nurse, union rep, residents association</i>
John Hislam	<i>Civil engineer, local horticulture society</i>
Gary Gadston	<i>Construction, buildings, maps, school trustee</i>
Anne Barrett	<i>District nurse, clinical governance, FoBG, dog walker</i>
Clare Norton	<i>Chair LAB Bovington primary & Scouts, CEO Housing Assoc.</i>
James Cosgrove	<i>Banking, furniture design, interest in housing for the masses</i>
Tracy Wood	<i>Lily's florist & coffee shop, football club, Christmas fair</i>
Brad Gunn	<i>Chair Bovington action group, International marketing</i>
Neil Crockett	<i>Chartered surveyor, portfolio manager</i>
Julia Marshall	<i>Parish councillor, Police, admin, FoBG, dog walker</i>
Jacqueline Vealer	<i>Local govt, local plans, conservation, heritage projects, town centre mgt. Own consultancy for 5 years ago: Neighbourhood Plans - East Herts, North Herts, Dacorum, St. Albans.</i>
Gurpreet	<i>Intern.</i>

6. Group Work

Housing & Design – James Cosgrave, Clare Norton, Julia Marshall, (Steve & Romaine Watkins)

Discussion: If school relocated, where would it go? Don't want to lose community space in centre of village. Possible site at end of Green Lane.

Large village. Need more housing that's affordable & high quality, range of types and sizes, for families, old and young people. Open to different designs – innovation. Self-build projects on council owned land. Repurpose existing buildings. Safe cycling/walking route to Hemel station & secondary schools.

Parking for shoppers – limited stay

Avoid solving one problem and creating another.

Transport & Traffic – Paul Campbell, Dave Ewington, Ben Richardson, Ros Goodyear

Bovingdon roads very busy. Problems with HGV & commercial vehicles - Bypass across airfield? Serious lack of parking: **High St** – parents (early for spaces), initiatives – Park & Stride, bad parking, Saturday parking in school not widely known; **Residential roads** – number of vehicles per household (work + personal).

People take advantage of free parking for long periods

Maintenance of sight lines on narrow roads Green Lane (Docks) & Vicarage Rd hedges (White House) – safety issue.

Traffic regs. not enforced - Existing double yellow lines – lack of signage

Café users parking on zigzag lines

Step by step approach to complex issues

Business – Tracy Wood, Brad Gunn, Neil Crockett

Unattractive shop fronts – need to improve appearance of the High St

Parking is a major issue

Public realm to create a social aspect

80 businesses in Bovingdon – can't expand until infrastructure improved

Connectivity issues – improve Wi-Fi – (Cloud: village Wi-Fi)

Encourage working from home

People shop where parking easy – village loses out on business

Community Facilities – Anne Barrett, Gary Gadstone, John Hislam, Jenny Thomas

School engagement to be a focus, engage parents of Nursery/reception children.

More houses = pressure on school places: Expansion or new school on larger site?

Football club may want to relocate to a larger site away from houses; free up land for allotments &/or expand tennis club.

Relocate Bowls Club – free up space for parking in centre of village.

Need cycle racks in village, lack of provision for teenagers/older children,

Older groups – lack of volunteers & inadequate facilities.

Opportunities for intergenerational groups to be formed & thrive.

Collect data on community groups – audit of facilities.

7. Vision for the Future

Members asked to think of a 'vision statement' for the Neighbourhood Plan, promote what is available:

Welcoming, rural, safe, historical, diverse, inclusive, place for leisure, green, sustainable – maintain/enhance

Meeting ended at 9:10pm

Next meeting Tuesday 14th August at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall clubroom

10 July 2018