

Meeting of Bovingdon Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Memorial Hall

7:30pm on Tuesday 14th May 2019

Attendees:

Julia Marshall
Gary Gadston
Clare Norton
James Cosgrave
Ben Richardson
Ros Goodyear
Brad Gunn
Anne Barrett
Paul Campbell
Carole Syms
Michelle Hildich
Geraint Whalley
Jacqueline Veater – Planning Consultant

Stephen Mendham – DBC Strategic Planning

Apologies:

Hugh Schneiders
Steve Bowen
Peter Jarman
Jenny Thomas
Hannah Beauchamp
Ross Dorras
Neil Crockett
Dave Stent
John Hislam
Tracy Wood
Peter Gillard

1. The minutes of the meeting on 9th April 2019 were agreed

2. Matters Arising – None

3. Surveys Update

Neighbourhood Plan Survey Report reviewed and amended by JV; the finalised report has been uploaded onto the Bovingdon Parish Council website.

The CDA Survey is in Draft at the moment, the completed report should be available in the next couple of weeks. Giles Meredith will attend the next meeting in June to talk through the findings and 'what next'.

4. Updates from Groups

Business Group

BG has produced a report based on the survey of local businesses.

21% response to the survey. Of the respondents: most were small businesses working B2C (business to customer).

65% work from home; 95% 5 employees or fewer; 74% have employees from the parish; 73% were established businesses (6 years or more).

Issues identified were traffic, congestion, parking, etc.

56% are looking to expand.

The majority wanted more land/premises for business, but wanted it in existing buildings or on brownfield land

44% had no opinion on increased housing

The Business Group is running a focus group with businesses in the High Street. Their main concern is parking and wish to consider parking control options.

Community Group

GG – the group has been looking at 'Green Spaces' and 'Views' that may be suitable for designation within the parish.

There are not many 'green spaces':

King George V Playing Field & Bovingdon Green are the main ones, with a couple of small areas in Old Dean and St Lawrence Drive

There are wide verges along Chipperfield Road and top of Green Lane

The provision for children is poor, with only two small playgrounds (Old Dean & King George V) Boxmoor Trust Brickworks and Sports Facilities (Football & Tennis club) could also be considered for protection.

The group will also look at accessibility to the surrounding countryside – footpaths Pitstone (Aylesbury Vale) has set up footpaths for greater accessibility

Members of the group to visit Pitstone

The group will meet to discuss their findings and how best to present them.

JV - Consider commissioning a wildlife survey from Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust.

JV to contact Matt Dodds to arrange

Communications Group

Bovingdon Primary Academy has agreed to run a focus group with children – ***Dave Stent to organise***

A questionnaire has been designed for secondary school children – ***JV to create a 'Google Forms' document for circulation***

Transport Group

BR – looked at the areas where a greater number of respondents had stated they parked their vehicles 'on road': Hempstead Road, Granville Dean, Austin's Mead & Dinmore Hempstead Road was an anomaly, as there is no 'on street' parking at the postcodes involved. The numbers for the High Street and Green Lane appeared low, so BR will carry out a traffic count and investigate this further.

The TG will also be carrying out a Traffic Survey to count number and type of vehicles at four junctions. It will be a four-hour survey 12:00 – 16:00, on a weekday.

BR to arrange traffic survey

Housing Group

JC - The Open Day and survey showed a general negativity towards all the sites put forward. Respondents expressed a preference for developments of 25 homes or fewer and there was support for Affordable Homes for local people. The CDA survey has identified a need for 44 affordable housing units.

A preference was expressed for brownfield developments and infilling and the group will look at areas within the village, which might be appropriate for such development, i.e. garage blocks. Leaders of the Housing Group, JM & JV will meet with Francis Whittaker and Stephen Mendham to discuss how the NP site allocations process can best fit alongside the DBC's emerging Local Plan.

JM & SM to agree date for meeting

5. Financial Update

Locality has opened up the grant process and we have started our application for additional funding. BPC has put aside £5,000 from the parish budget to cover any shortfall in funding.

6. Next Steps

Locality offers a Technical Assistance package that Neighbourhood Plan groups can apply for. Each group to consider whether there is anything they may wish to apply for.

7. AOB

Open Day is booked for Sunday 7th July 12noon to 4pm

This will be an opportunity to give feedback on the results of the previous Open Day and surveys. Some of the groups may also be in a position to present their ideas to residents.

Each group will need to have their ideas ready to present at the next meeting on 11th June.

Each group to meet and plan their area for the Open Day

Meeting ended at 9pm

Next meeting Tuesday 11th June 2019 at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall clubroom