

Meeting of Bovingdon Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Memorial Hall

7:30pm on Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Attendees:

Julia Marshall
Clare Norton
Ros Goodyear
Brad Gunn
John Hislam
Hugh Schneiders
Peter Jarman
Jenny Thomas
Hannah Beauchamp
Jacqueline Veater – Planning Consultant

Apologies:

Anne Barrett
Steve Bowen
Michelle Hildich
Dave Stent
James Cosgrave
Ben Richardson
Geraint Whalley
Neil Crockett
Carole Syms
Paul Campbell
Ross Dorras
Gary Gadston
Tracy Wood

The minutes of the meeting on 11th June 2019 were agreed

1. Matters Arising: None

2. Feedback on BPC Meeting with DBC – Regarding the High St feasibility study & the impact of the Local Plan on the Bovingdon Neighbourhood Plan.

Members of the parish council met with James Doe to discuss the High Street project feasibility study. It is hoped that the report from the consultants should be completed sometime in Autumn.

JM attended a training session at The Forum on 22 July, where James Doe discussed the timetable for the Dacorum Local Plan. They are planning to produce the draft for consultation in May 2020, at which point there will only be an 8-week window in which to make representations. There was no mention of sharing information with parish councils/NP groups before then. Very few Dacorum Borough councillors have any knowledge of the proposed plan and those on the committee are sworn to secrecy.

3. Implications for the Housing Group & Site Allocations in the NP

DBC's unwillingness to engage and cooperate with BPC on site allocations for the Neighbourhood Plan, will cause us issues and goes against their statutory duty to cooperate and support neighbourhood plans.

***JV will contact Locality again to discuss options
JM to contact KL NP steering group chair for their opinion***

4. Wildlife Sites/ Green Areas

Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust produced a report on the natural areas within the parish. Do any need more protection through the Neighbourhood Plan? CN noted that there is a wildlife area at the back of the school, 'Springfield', that would be good to formally protect. We need someone to help interpret the data in the report and attend the meeting with HMWT.

JH to contact Boxmoor Trust for volunteer

5. School Surveys

DS distributed results from the Primary Academy survey, prior to the meeting. 81 children took part. Few secondary school pupil responses to the online survey.

JM to re-share on FB

6. Heritage Buildings and protected views We need more photos of the parish, clearly labelled. They need to be 2.9 = 8mb in size. There are some in the folder 'Village Photos' on the Dropbox.

7. Bovingdon Fun Day 26th August We could use the day to promote the Neighbourhood Plan and feedback to the community. Each group could produce an A4 sheet summary of the results of the residents' survey to distribute.

Each group to produce sheet for Fun Day

8. AOB

Need to share findings from surveys more widely. They are on BPC website as reports, but should do features and breakdowns for each group.

JM to look into proper training to use BPC website

Meeting ended at 8:45pm

Next meeting Tuesday 10th September 2019 at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall clubroom