

## Meeting of Bovingdon Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

### Zoom Conference Call

6:30pm on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

#### Attendees:

Clare Norton - Chairman  
Julia Marshall  
Jacqueline Veater – Planning Consultant  
Anne Barrett  
June Gosling  
Sue Miller  
Philip Walker  
Neil Crockett – till 7 pm  
Michelle Hilditch

#### Apologies:

Dave Stent  
Pauline Wright  
Graham Barrett  
Alison Gunn  
Paul Campbell  
Gary Cullum  
John Hislam  
Ben Richardson  
Chris Davey  
Hannah Beauchamp

#### 1. Minutes of BNPSG's Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April Over Zoom - Agreed

#### 2. Matters arising – 'Consultation Statement' This needs to be added.

**Action: CN**

#### 3. Consultation Update & Timeline

JM has shortened and finalised the Draft Plan Consultation. Everyone is asked to check their section ready for the imminent upload on to YouTube. This will take approx. 30 mins to view and include links to supporting maps on the Parish Council website. E.G Identified Green Spaces and Important Views. JM will label them with help from JV.

**Action:**

##### JM

- JV will add a link to the survey monkey **Action: JV**
- Promotion – This will be via Facebook and an article in The Villager **Action: JM, CN & GC**
- Everyone should respond to the survey and CN will email those who attended the public meeting.
- Closing Date – 1<sup>st</sup> June. Analysis of the responses will proceed thereafter
- The aim is to update the NP ready for formal publication in Sept / Oct followed by the Referendum in the second half of 2022

**CN acknowledged and thanked Julia for the enormous amount of work that she has put into steering the project to the point where it can go out for consultation. This was echoed by all present**

#### 4. Funding & Future Direction

- The Parish Council has allocated a further £10K to the BNP.
- There are two other sources of funding which could be explored
  - Affordable Home Ownership Funding through Locality - £10K maximum. This can be explored without commitment. CN & JV will arrange an early meeting with Dacorum. **Action: CN & JV**
  - Town Centre / Social Infrastructure Funding – Bidding closes on 17<sup>th</sup> May so time is very short. JV suggested a 'Greening Project' **Action: AB & SM**  
Alternatively, this might be of interest to the PC who are currently undertaking a feasibility study.

#### 5. Future Steering Group Meetings

It was agreed to move the meetings to Wednesdays, continuing on Zoom for the time being.

## 6. Group Updates

- **Housing** – CN said that the group is about a third of the way through preparing the Design Code. Everyone was asked to add photos to Dropbox or email them to CN.
- **Open Spaces** - JH has expressed his concern that the King George V Playing Fields are not fully covered by Fields in Trust protection. CN will look into this with him.

## 7. DBC Local Plan Update

CN & JV have had a very useful meeting with Stephen and Alex Robinson (Strategic Planning Manager). Dacorum has had about 15,000 individual responses to its Local Plan. There is quite a lot of opposition to the scale of proposed development across the borough particularly in the Tring and Berkhamsted area. The planning dept is due to report to Cabinet in July.

Regarding our Neighbourhood Plan, the officers were open to requests for help. CN/JV will send them the link to view the presentation. The intention is to meet with them again in June/July and thereafter at intervals so that we can listen to their comments rather than finalise the plan and meet objections thereafter.

## 8. AOB:

**Merging Groups.** AB asked if it would make sense to merge the working groups as membership of each is uneven and BR will be leaving soon. CN said that this might be practical in July when work starts on the Action Plans.

The Meeting ended at 7.30 pm

**Next Meeting – Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June at 6:30pm by Zoom**

AB and JG gave their apologies for the June meeting