

Meeting of Bovington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Zoom Conference Call

6:30pm on Wednesday, 16th June, 2021

Attendees:

Clare Norton - Chairman
Julia Marshall
Jacqueline Veater – Planning Consultant
Sue Miller

Michelle Hilditch
Anne Barrett
June Gossling
Dave Stent
Graham Barrett
Alison Gunn
John Hislam
Chris Davey

Apologies:

Philip Walker
Neil Crockett

1. Minutes of BNPSG's Meeting on 11th May Over Zoom - Agreed

2. Matters arising

- 'Consultation Statement' JV to send draft to CN, CN to check Dropbox.
Action: JV, CN
- Views and Green spaces labelled for the Parish website and link added to survey – Completed
- Promotion was good, also promoted to Business emails, Instagram and Linked In – Completed
- Affordable Home Ownership funding – meeting date to see DBC delayed, to carry forward
Action: CN, JV
- Town centre / Social infrastructure funding – application submitted 17.5.21
- Draft statutory consultation letter and sample list of agencies to consult – carry forward for JV to send to Mike
Action: JV

3. Consultation Results

- **Community** – support for all policies proposed. Group to write to GPs and dentists to seek more detailed confirmation that they have capacity to take on more patients. **Action: AS, SM**
Some concern on threatening comments to be raised with Mike Kember
Action: CN
We confirmed our intention to have green spaces re-provided in new developments and that our preference would be not to build on the Green Belt.
Allotment site is still outstanding
- **Economy and Employment** – analysis yet to be received from this group
Action; DS, CN
- **Housing** – Discussion took place which confirmed the results supported development on the allocated sites – 68%; JV to advise on dph at Molyneux Avenue as this has been challenged by Homes England. We may consider a range of 30-40 dph for the Plan.
Action: JV
Conversion of garage blocks into homes to be raised with DBC to identify their plans. These could increase our number of homes **Action: CN**
There is support for more affordable homes, but it is not possible to deliver this with only small developments.

We will consider seeking a wild area on Grange farm from the developer

Action: CN

We should explain how the housing assessments were undertaken in more depth

Action: CN

We must contact Jon Goodall at Grange Farm to get details and capacity of the medical centre proposed at Grange Farm

Action: CN

- **Transport** – It is possible to include that developments need access to public transport in the Plan, however Transport generally is not a planning matter. Promoting Public transport cannot be in the Plan as they are not Planning matters. Enforcement and Disabled parking but were mentioned in the transport comments but cannot be in our policies as this is not Planning policy, instead they should be part of the future Action Plan. Grange farm development could have a policy to gain easy access to public transport. The Parish Council are recommended to consider how to make the most of the feedback and comments in the survey in an Action Plan, Ben could be asked to write a response.

Action: BR, DS, GB, AG, PWa, PWr

- A question was raised about the capacity of the sewerage system to cope with additional homes, to requests Mike Kember write to Thames Water. **Action: CN**

To draft a response to the consultation and publish this as soon as possible for the parish website, to include some of the projects already agreed for funding.

Action:

CN

Housing group are meeting with the Director of Housing at DBC

4. Funding Update

A bid has been submitted to Locality for the High Street and the Infrastructure. A further bid for Affordable Housing for sale and for the remaining revenue funding to write the Neighbourhood Plan is in train. CN and JV will review access to funding for a Design Code.

5. Project Plan – next steps

JV is working on the final plan and will populate a draft template by mid July – 19th July; date for Steering Group to review is 7th August; with proof reading to Adrian by 14th August; Final document to Parish Council 23rd August

Action: CN to confirm date with

Adrian for proof-reading

JV advised that Community and Transport are mainly there and need just a few tweaks; Business chapter is too long and detailed, policies need tightening up

Action: JV/ DS

Housing assessment criteria and process needs explaining with a timeline of decisions including DBC starting their consultation as an essential appendix

Action: CN

Conservation area chapter is half written, MH to advise on remaining content to be drafted

Action: MH

Julia has written the Introduction

Jacqueline to write the Implementation section – policies tying into the action plan.

Action: JV

All chapters to be completed and no longer updated by 19th July – JV to focus on Transport and Business

Action: DS, AB, CN

JV quoted 2 days to compile the Plan, 4 days in total

Bovingdon Green conservation area – Sue has put a summary together on this

6. DBC Local Plan Update

DBC are reviewing officer recommendations on the Local Plan at Cabinet late June. All to keep an eye on this.

7. AOB

None

Next Meeting – Wednesday, 21st June at 6:30pm by Zoom