

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BELPER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, ST JOHN'S CHAPEL, BELPER ON Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>  
November 2018, AT 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Hurst (PH), Cllr Spendlove (GS), Katie Harris (KH), John Porter (JP), Christine Blake (CB), John Morrissey (JM), Wendy Mitchell (WM), Roger Shelley (RS), Paul Terry (PT)

**Also Present:** Liz Page (LP, BTC Clerk)

**Members of the Public:** 3

(Note: NPWG = Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, TC = Town Council, HM = Helen Metcalfe, our Planning Consultant)

NP4B171 **To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Sutton (Mayoral duty), Cllr Smith (Holiday) and Andrew Huskinson (Prior Commitment)

NP4B172 **To note declarations of interest**

None declared

NP4B173 **Presentation by applicants – Northfield, Matlock Road, Belper (AVA/2018/0511)**

Prior to the meeting, WG members had considered the submitted plans: including the NP4B Pre Application Form which the applicants had completed. After a presentation of both their original and amended Plans, there was the opportunity for the WG members to question the applicants.

Cllr Hurst then thanked the applicants for their attendance and they left the meeting.

In response to this, NPWG members will send their individual comments on the proposals to **LP**; to be combined and submitted to AVBC.

NP4B174 **To approve the Minutes of the Working Group meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

RESOLVED: to agree as a true record the Minutes NP4B160 - NP4B170 of the Neighbourhood Plan Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018

NP4B175 **Finance**

**A. Review of the Budget**

To date: there is £6257 available to the end of the Financial Year. A further £2000 has been budgeted from Full Council to support the NP through to Referendum.

**B. Approve items for payment**

None

NP4B176 **Communication and Publicity**

**A. Update**

**KH** has sent out a Mail Chimp Newsletter informing recipients of recent developments in respect of the NP4B.

**CB** will use this information to post Update(s) on Facebook.

**LP** will publish the Newsletters on the TC Website: to evidence for the Inspector continued Public Consultation.

**RS** showed the NPWG the winning Photo for the Competition, as judged by Ashley Franklin. The winning photo and other entries will be available in a Gallery section on the TC Website. **LP** will inform the winners and award their prizes. **CB** will also post these photos onto Facebook.

## **B. Timeline and Communications Plan**

This could not be reviewed/actioned due to the end date of the SEA (Strategic Environmental Assessment) being unknown.

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### **Draft Plan**

#### **A. Version 8**

This is now the most up to date version available on the Website.

**LP** will add a separate Tab to the TC Website for the Plan Document itself.

#### **B. Screening and Sustainability Appraisal**

The SEA is still awaiting allocation of Personnel to conduct this, causing further delay.

**LP** is continuing to ask for clarification regarding the exact Sites to be assessed; this will subsequently be followed up again.

**LP** will send the Screening Report to all WG members and upload to the TC Website.

#### **C. Belper Lane and Local Plan update**

Belper Lane: The Secretary of State has delayed the decision date to the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019. This is to allow further comment by AVBC, Wheeldon's, Historic England, the DVMWHS Partnership, Belper Town Council and the Belper Lane Community Group to respond to documents published during September/October; responses are requested as to how and whether this information is a 'material consideration' for the Appeal.

**WM** will send the Community Group's response to **LP** for separate endorsement by the NPWG and BTC: deadline 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

Local Plan: Green Belt Review

The results of the Review are available on the AVBC's Website under 'Submission Local Plan Examination Library', documents beginning AV/38.

Discussion took place on the findings of this report including:

- The recommendation that 'Bullsmoor' becomes Green Belt is welcomed.
- Land to the NW of the Town was not assessed as part of this Review. This is of concern as it does contribute to (at least) one of the 5 key aspects of Green Belt: notably 'to preserve the setting and special character of historic towns'.
- There was no 'overview' for this Report: apart from recommendations regarding Bullsmoor, Mapperley and Marehay.

**CB** and **JP** will write a Formal response on the Green Belt findings which affect the Parish of Belper, and **LP** will submit this to AVBC.

#### **D. East Mill and North Derwent Street Planning applications**

East Mill

**KH** had previously circulated a Paper summarising how the Proposals meet the NP4B and also identified concerns.

This Paper, the responses by the Environment Agency and Historic England were noted and discussed.

After slight amendment by **CB**, **LP** will submit the Paper to AVBC as the NPWG's Formal Response to the Application.

North Derwent Street

**KH** had previously circulated a Report on a meeting with McCarthy and Stone's Representatives regarding their proposed development, as part of AVBC's Pre Application process.

The NPWG broadly support and welcome these proposals: with reservations regarding Parking and Footpath access/provision.

**LP** will send a letter to thank McCarthy and Stone for engaging with the NP. These comments will form the NPWG response to any formal planning application that is submitted

#### **E. Groups Response to the Crich Lane Appeal**

**WM** had previously circulated a Response to this Appeal, based on the developers 'Statement of Case for the Appeal'. Subsequently, **WM** will amend it to include the Green Belt Review conclusions: this land requires the continued protection of Green Belt status.

RESOLVED: For **LP** to submit this amended response to the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the NPWG.

NP4B178	<b>Timetable</b> It was noted that due to continued delays caused by external bodies out of our control, a May Referendum is not possible. <b>LP</b> will consult with <b>HM</b> in order to draft an indicative Timetable for a proposed Referendum date of mid-September.
NP4B179	<b>Risk Log</b> Noted
NP4B180	<b>Public Speaking</b> None
NP4B181	<b>Items for Agenda for the next meeting</b> Community Land Trust

Reminder: Please ensure all requests to be included in the Agenda, and any document(s) to be discussed during the said meeting are sent to LP one week in advance.

NP4B182

**Date of next meeting**

RESOLVED: The next meeting of the NP4B WG is to be held on **Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 6pm** in **St John's Chapel, The Butts, Belper, Derbyshire**

Please note the time of 6pm