

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BELPER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP
HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, ST JOHN'S CHAPEL, BELPER ON Tuesday 18th
June 2019, AT 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Harris, Cllr Porter, Cllr Dwyer, Roger Shelley (RS), Christine Blake (CB), Andrew Huskinson (AH), Wendy Mitchell (WM), Liz Page (LP), Paul Terry (PT), Tim Sutton (TS)

Members of the Public: 3

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

NP4B240 **To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Peter Hurst and John Morrissey

NP4B241 **To note declarations of interest**

None declared

NP4B242 **To approve the Minutes of the Working Group meeting held on Tuesday 21st May 2019**

RESOLVED: to agree as a true record the Minutes NP4B226 - NP4B239 of the Neighbourhood Plan Meeting held on 21st May 2019

NP4B243 **Payments – To consider list of Payments for Approval**

HM submitted an invoice for £5500 for work resulting from Reg. 14. Once the Chair has checked on any prepayment made, it was RESOLVED: to approve payment to HM of the outstanding amount.

NP4B244 **Update on Progress
Draft Plan**

After explanation by the Chair, discussion took place on:

- how the Draft had been updated as a result of the Reg. 14 responses
- the outstanding work to be completed: following up on the timescale for release of the Babington site and precise detail on School Numbers.

Following the withdrawal of AVBC's Local Plan on May 22nd, the Chair explained how the Draft Plan now has no reference to the emerging Local Plan; references given are to the extant Adopted Local Plan (2006)

Housing Need Assessment Review

Following on from NP4B233, contract compliance for this Review is now complete. A conference call with AECOM takes place on Friday 21st June to outline the NP4B's brief. It was agreed the focus is to review the soundness of the existing Housing Need Figures (2016) and update if necessary.

Next Steps and the Timetable

The WG noted the following:

- The timetable is entirely dependent on the timescale of the HNA Review
- Once complete, the findings of the HNA Review will be incorporated into the Draft Plan.
- The new Draft Plan will then be published on the TC website, accompanied by a separate document that shows the tracked changes.
- A second round of Reg. 14 Public Consultation can then take place and a revised Timetable to Referendum can be produced.

NP4B245 **Planning Applications and Appeal Updates**

Belper Lane Appeal

On 28th May the Secretary of State asked Parties for 'Further views' regarding the withdrawal of the Local Plan: the TC submitted a response. (Deadline was 11th June.)

On 17th June WM informed the Secretary of State of AVBC's newly published 5.42 year HLSF: it is expected that Parties will be asked to comment on this too.

Crich Lane/Bessalone Appeal

The Secretary of State also asked Parties to comment on the relevance of the withdrawal of the Local Plan to this Appeal Case: a submission is being sent from the TC. (Deadline of 18th June.)

2 separate applications for Derwent Street

McCarthy and Stone's application for 60 extra care dwellings is expected to go to the Planning Board in July.

Members were informed of a new application (Ref ava/2019/0558) published on 17th June. This is adjacent to the McCarthy and Stone site and for 80 affordable homes.

Concern was expressed over the exact boundaries of each application and any overlap, particularly with regard to space for Foot/Cycle Paths.

It was agreed the WG needed to consider these proposals carefully and make a response.

Tea Rooms

The WG expressed delight that the Tea Rooms Application was passed by the Plan Board on 16th June and look forward to seeing progress at the Site being made very soon.

NP4B246 **Budget: To review Budget**

The meeting noted that there was insufficient in the 2019/2020 budget to cover HM's fees. RESOLVED – To recommend to Full Council

- to pay HM invoice- as it was outside the NPWG Budget
- to vire an amount of reserves to the NPWG to take the Plan to Referendum

NP4B247 **Public Speaking**

Cllr Neville (AVBC) spoke about the Derbyshire Climate Campaign and its relevance to Planning, especially Neighbourhood Plans. At his request the WG agreed to be involved with convening/attending a Borough wide Group, to include representatives from Local NP's, with the aim to share ideas and expertise. The Chair and Cllr Porter will follow this up.

A Resident spoke about concerns about that had arisen during the Bullsmoor Inquiry, (but relevant to all development sites), regarding Flooding and the application of a 'sequential test'. He will submit his comments formally during the second Reg. 14 process.

NP4B248 **Items for Agenda for the next meeting**

- HNA Update
- Second Reg. 14 Consultation

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 the TC Clerk one week in advance.

NP4B249 **Date of next meeting**

RESOLVED: The next meeting of the NPWG is to be held on **Tuesday 16th July 2019 at 7.00pm** in **St John's Chapel, The Butts, Belper, Derbyshire**

Please Note: There will be no Business Group Meeting on 2nd July