

**MINUTES OF MEETING NO 15 OF THE BOURTON NEIGHBOURHOOD
PLANNING GROUP, HELD AT 5 OLD POUND COURT,
AT 7.30pm ON MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2013**

**Present: M Withers, P Withers, P Overington, G Overington, A Scott, D Scott, N Hall,
C Price**

13.92 Minutes of Meeting No 14

These were accepted as accurate.

13.93 Matters Arising

13.93.1 Item 13.82 - Bourton Mill

MW reported that he had attended the meeting of NDDC's Development Management Committee, along with S Firbank and P Williams, when they considered the terms of the proposed S 106 Agreement, which is to be included with their earlier acceptance of the principle of the development. This was approved but, because a member of the public had written to the Secretary of State concerning perceived dangers from flooding, NDDC were required to send all information on the flood risk assessments to the S of S for determination. To date there had been no response from the S of S.

DS asked whether the call-in would affect the potential sale of the development site and what would be the outcome if approval were not given. **MW** said he was sure that the site would not sell until it had an outline planning consent and, if the S of S decided to refuse the application, the most probable result would be that the developer would appeal the decision.

13.93.2 Feltham Farm Wind Turbine

At the same NDDC meeting, the Council apologised for an error on their website which had inferred that an Environmental Impact Assessment would not be required for this scoping application. This had resulted in a strong letter of protest being sent to the Council which Councillor G Miller had objected to. The matter was clarified and NDDC wrote to the applicant to confirm that an EIA would be required.

13.93.3 Item 13.84.2 - Social Housing Numbers

MW reported that Sarah Jennings had provided some of the requested information. This related only to Spectrum-owned properties and there are 46 properties of which 22 are rented, 18 are specially for older people, four are in shared ownership and two

are on a leasehold arrangement. **MW** undertook to research the number of properties owned by Magna. **DS** asked how this compared with the National average. **MW** had not yet looked at this but it would be part of the focus group's brief, along with the issues of the generally ageing population and the need for specialist homes for the elderly, including bungalows.

13.94 Declarations of Interest

MW & PW declared an interest as neighbours to the preferred new Village Hall site. **NH** declared an interest in the new Village Hall as he was on the VHMC.

13.95 Planning Aid/NDDC Meeting

A lengthy discussion took place concerning the minutes of the meeting which was held last Monday and it was agreed that when **DS** had carried out further minor amendments the draft would be sent to Planning Aid and NDDC for their comments.

13.96 Meetings with Organisations

MW reported that he still had two further meetings to arrange. **AS/DS/PO/GO/CP** were still to complete their interviews. It was agreed that, when all the interviews were completed, the notes/evidence would be circulated to group members. **MW** asked that these be completed by 30th September (**ALL**).

13.97 Focus Teams/Tasks

A discussion took place concerning the best way to commence the meetings with volunteers who would be part of the focus teams. It was agreed that there should be a meeting held with as many volunteers as could make it to provide them with an overall briefing about what was required of them and **MW** would give this. Thereafter, team leaders would talk to their own teams to give more detailed briefings on their own topic, either as a follow up on the day of the general briefing, or at an agreed future date.

It was further agreed that the group would meet before the meeting to agree common formats for evidence gathering and discuss the content of what may be required. To give the group ideas on their topics **PW** would send out task templates which had come from the front-runner NP teams as examples. **PW** would also set up both the volunteer meeting, which would be on a Monday evening in October, and the NPG meeting to discuss ideas in advance of that date. It was agreed that some of the topics were more defined than others and these difficulties would be addressed at the NPG meeting.

13.98 Communications

NH reported that there was now a counter on the website so that we could check how much it was used. He had done all he could to get the necessary information onto the site and the group thought that the website was very useful. **MW** said that he had received no feedback at all from the website email about the recently advertised Vision Statement and Aims. Even if nothing comes back at all the village will have had the opportunity to comment.

13.99 Vision & Aims

MW said that there had been no feedback from the flyers distributed with the Parish Magazine, either on the website (as noted above) or in writing. Liz Beth of Planning Aid had said that she thought the V & As were fine but there had been no comeback yet from Sarah Jennings. **MW** to follow up. As there had been no negative comment, it was thought that the group could assume that the V & As were now approved.

13.100 Programme

The revised programme had been given to Planning Aid and NDDC with no adverse comment back from them.

13.101 Budget/Funding

GO provided the group with the up to date budget which showed that all the monies from Bourton PC, except for £50.31, had been spent. **MW** passed a copy of an invoice from the Parish Magazine for £15.00 which was due to be paid by the PC. **MW** confirmed that the amount of £5,148 had been received by the PC from Locality for the Bourton NP and that this had to be accounted for separately to comply with the grant conditions. **GO** confirmed that the budget statement provided included the invoice from Jenny Trim for the flyers which were included in the last parish magazine.

13.102 Any Other Business

MW asked whether the group thought that it was time to introduce some fresh blood into the NPG, bearing in mind the forthcoming workload and the fact that the group had earlier lost four original members. A general discussion took place and the outcome was that the group decided to invite two further volunteers onto the NPG. It was agreed that this would be further addressed following the meeting to be arranged with volunteers.

CP reported that the boys who had presented ideas to the PC about a skate park for Bourton had received a grant of £350 from Blackmore Vale Dairies to start the project funding. They would be making an appeal to the Village to see if a landowner may be prepared to lease a

site of about half an acre for the skate park. This initiative, led by the boys, was applauded by the group and was seen as a helpful project in engaging with the youth of the village.

13.103 Date of Next Meeting

This was arranged for Monday 7th October at 7.30pm at 18 Mill Rise.