

**MINUTES OF MEETING NO 16 OF THE BOURTON NEIGHBOURHOOD
PLANNING GROUP, HELD AT 18 MILL RISE,
AT 7.30pm ON MONDAY 7th OCTOBER 2013**

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

13.104 Minutes of Meeting No 15

These were accepted as accurate.

13.105 Matters Arising

Item 13.93.1 - Bourton Mill. The Secretary of State did not call the application in. NDDC is now able to grant outline planning. John Hammond said he expects it to take a further 3-4 weeks to complete. The site is still for sale.

Item 13.93.2 - Feltham Farm. There is no further news following NDDC's decision that the proposal would require an EIA. **NH** asked what happens if the government subsidy is withdrawn? The answer was not known. The same situation exists at the West Bourton wind turbine site. There has also been an application at Manor Farm Silton for a 38-acre solar array on the old tip site. The PC did not object to the application.

Item 13.93.3 - Social Housing Numbers. **MW** had received further information from Magna HA which has 6 family houses in Bourton. Five of these are 2-bedroom and 1 is 3-bedroom. Along with the Spectrum ones, HA properties total 52, which represents about 13% of the housing stock. **DS** asked if this was too high and whether there was a proven need for any more? **MW** said that this would be part of the further evidence that was needed before policies were written. **AS** asked if that was for the current or future numbers? **MW** confirmed that the most recent housing needs survey carried out by NDDC showed that at least 6 affordable homes were needed now and that was the basis for the S106 on the Mill development. There will need to be an updated housing needs survey for the NP.

13.106 Declarations of Interest

MW/PW/NH all declared an interest in respect of the new village hall site. **DS** commented that, as everybody supported the proposed location of the new hall and he believed these people were honourable, that there was no need for anyone at the meeting to withdraw or not take a full part in any discussions. **MW** repeated his uncertainty as to 'where he sits' on this issue as he supported the village hall and its location, but was not in favour of housing, along with the whole NPG, PC, and the village (as shown in the questionnaire). He asked **NH** what he felt and he was happy for everyone to contribute to the discussion. **DS** felt that as all the people mentioned were supporters of the village hall he could see no land issue.

AS suggested that **PO** (Vice-Chair) could take over at the forthcoming meeting, or this evening, if **MW** still feels conflicted. **MW** agreed that this was a good solution for Thursday's meeting, should it arise, but on the basis that **NH**, in particular, was happy to proceed he would continue this evening.

13.107 Planning Aid/NDDC Meeting - Matters Arising

13.107.1 Development Policy

It was agreed that issues are becoming clearer in respect of the Settlement Boundary, Countryside Policy and Site Allocations. **MW** and **DS** have been working on a briefing note for NPG members which might be useful at Thursday's meeting. A discussion followed on the best way forward, with the common aim to clarify the situation. It was agreed that **SF**, as BPC Chairman, should have a copy of the note, then others if appropriate. **MW** would deliver this to him.

There was a discussion as to how we should inform the village of the changes with the emerging Local Plan, settlement boundary and Countryside Policy. After talking about various methods of engagement it was decided to seek guidance from Planning Aid and NDDC and **MW** would contact them. **MW** agreed to re-study the Questionnaire and send his draft on how any questions could be framed to the group, prior to contacting PA and NDDC.

MW said that Liz Beth had been in touch to see how we are doing, and sent us a guide for briefing and appointing consultants. **MW** also said he has completed the monitoring report on finance and progress to the Communities Development Foundation, in accordance with their requirements, even though we had not spent any of their grant to date. **PO** said it was important to check on how Planning Aid charge their time.

13.107.2 New Village Hall Issues

GO asked if any copies of the village hall business plan had been made available, prior to the meeting. **NH** said that he has a lot of work to do for Harriet before the meeting but did not have the business plan. **MW** asked what written or other evidence the VHMC have from Proctor/Brimble Lea/VHMC/NDDC about private housing on this site? He commented that Development Control at NDDC must follow their own policy. **NH** said that John Hammond said that he would not allow any houses.

MW asked about Proctor's evidence, as he had worries about negotiations to date and it seemed that the real position had not been properly explained. Did they ask NDDC for pre-application advice? **NH** said that John Hammond had been dealing with it, then it got passed on.

MW said his personal view is that the landowner has been badly advised by Brimble Lea. Had they been told by the NPG, BPC and NDDC that there was no hope of housing on the proposed site, the VHMC may have been able to get the land for a new hall without gifting them housing development which no one else wanted.

13.108 Meetings with Organisations

MW said that, following the meeting with George Maggs, he had just Hall and Woodhouse to see this week, with **AS** and **NH**. **AS** has spoken to the rector and he is happy for her to provide comments on behalf of the Church. The same applied for the Surgery. **PO** is to meet with Forge Garage next week, but has had no replies from Tom Shean or Phil Cowell. **DS** is still waiting for a date from the VHMC.

Following the meetings, it was agreed that we follow **DS**'s suggestion that, when sending a 'thank you', we enclose a copy of the notes taken at the particular meeting. This was agreed by all as it gives feedback to people and a chance to come back to us. It was also agreed to send a copy to those who attended the meeting. **ALL**

13.109 Focus Teams/Tasks

There was a discussion about the usefulness and readiness of the NPG to conduct the proposed meeting with volunteers next Monday. There was a discussion about each group to determine what needs to be done and how volunteers can assist. **MW** asked **ALL** to check possible policies against the ND emerging plan. If adequate, we do not need to rewrite it. **MW** to send links such as Data Sources, Emerging Local Plan.

NH mentioned that Sheila Williams and Rosalie Watkins are looking at footpaths and maps for walkers.

DS said that we will need to focus on the basic issues, as there is so much scope on paper. **CP** suggested a 'brainstorming' approach with large sheets of paper and big pens. **PW** to provide. **CP** also suggested that we need to use the VDS.

MW mentioned the complete NP of Upper Eden as an example to look at. There were only six policies. It is available on the web and a printed copy was given to **AS**.

PO talked through some topics he will cover, including broadband, home extensions, farm building conversions and the importance of retaining business/services that we have in the village.

NH said he hoped to deal with road conditions, traffic calming, pavements and access, street lighting and local transport links, especially into the train system. Also the website, parking and energy.

PO suggested that we might have 'floating volunteers' to be used as, when and where appropriate. **DS** pointed out that some people have specialised skills, such as Bernard Sullivan in ecology. **MW** said that the built environment and housing in particular, will rely on gathering and analysing a lot of evidence. He feels a little under-prepared for the meeting on Monday.

It was agreed that **MW** will give an update/introduction and ask all volunteers if they have any particular issues they would like to air. Then the volunteers can split into topic groups to brain-storm. They can move between the groups. We will be gathering more ideas and evidence from which we can extrapolate policies. **ALL** **PW** agreed to send an updated list of attendees so far.

13.110 Communications

Website. **NH** is lacking content from The Parish Magazine. Last month saw 100+ hits, which is about 2-3 per day. The new clerk to BPC is firing off lots of info. **MW** said that it was now OK to put on Minutes No 15 and Agenda No 16. **NH**

Parish Magazine/BVM/Flyers. Nothing to report.

Letters/Ballot. This will follow the discussions with NDDC/Planning Aid.

13.111 Vision and Aims

No comments received from within the village so these go forward unchanged and will be used to check that NP policies comply.

13.112 Programme

The project is on track.

13.113 Budget/Funding

GO reported that, following the payment of £15 for the flyers, there is £35 remaining in the funds available from the PC neighbourhood plan fund. She suggested that a new account be produced which dealt solely with the funding received from the CDF, which would then provide a proper audit trail. This was agreed. **MW** confirmed that the first monitoring report was due by 15th October (now completed) and thereafter every 3 months. **MW/GO**

13.114 Any Other Business

It was suggested that we display cards to describe each Focus Group for the individual tables at Monday's meeting. **NH** volunteered. **PW** asked whether we needed to have name badges for the meeting. It was agreed that we should and **PW** would check to

see if she had them. The meeting was to take place at 6 30pm on Monday 14th October in the main part of the village hall. **ALL**

13.115 Date of Next Meeting

This was arranged for Thursday 17th October at 7.30pm at Bull Pitts.