

**MINUTES OF MEETING NO.2 OF THE BOURTON
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP HELD AT SANDWAYS
FARM AT 7.30pm ON TUESDAY 14th AUGUST 2012**

**Present:- M Withers(Chairman); P Withers(Secretary); C Price;
R Davies; D Davies; D Scott; A Scott; J Watts; L
Shepherd; P Overington; G Overington.**

S Firbank(For Agenda item 1-5 only)

Action

APOLOGIES

None

12.13 Minutes of Meeting No.1

It was agreed that Item 12.02 be amended with the substitution of the following words “**DS** asked why a NP was necessary when the detailed and comprehensively researched Village Design Statement contained an excellent set of guidelines for future development and appeared to cover many aspects of the proposed NP?”

PW

MW apologised for getting **JW**'s name wrong in the Minutes and this would be corrected

PW

12.14 Matters Arising

PW had distributed a contact list but as there were further amendments a revised list would be sent out

PW

MW explained that there did not now seem to be a requirement for the Group to sign declarations of interest forms and had not sent them out to members. Following a discussions it was agreed that members were happy to sign them anyway and **MW** would arrange for them to be distributed.

MW

MW had sent the VDS spreadsheet to **LS** who had now prepared a copy for the NPG.

MW will prepare a resolution for the PC to formally ask NDDC to accept the parish boundary as the designated area for the NP at its meeting on Monday 20th August

MW

12.15 Constitution

The outstanding matter has been resolved as in **12.14**.

12.16 Election of Vice-Chairman

Following a debate it was agreed that **PO** be elected as vice-chairman and **MW** thanked him for volunteering.

12.17 Additional Group Members

It had always been the intention to seek new Group members as necessary. In response to a point raised at the last PC meeting it has been agreed that a new member join the Group following discussion with the chairman of the PC, the chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee and **MW**. Such appointment will need to be ratified by the NPG.

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12.18 Public Meetings

There was long, extremely lively and creative debate on all aspects of the proposed public meetings to introduce the NP to the village. The following headline matters were agreed:-

- (i) there would be two meetings to try to bring as many people as possible into the process and that these would be on Tuesday 16th October from 7-9pm in the village hall and Saturday 20th October from 10am-12noon either in The White Lion or the school. **PW** to arrange venues/availability
- (ii) refreshments would be provided free to people who attended – tea/coffee/wine/ snacks for the evening event and the same less wine for the morning one. **PW** to check with Cathy Moorby about whether the wine proposal is acceptable in the village hall.
- (iii) a small “teaser” paragraph would go into the September Parish Magazine together with a flyer inserted in the magazine. The deadline for the teaser was this Friday and **MW** would prepare a draft and circulate it for approval asap
- (iv) the draft flyer prepared by **RD** and **DD** was selected as the basis for insertion in the magazine. There were some proposed changes and it was agreed that these be e-mailed to **RD** asap. It was likely that 425 would be needed and **RD** was to enquire of the printers in Gillingham what the likely cost would be. **LS**

PW

PW

MW

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RD

- and **PO** would also check with alternative suppliers including cheaper alternatives such as black type / paper colours. **LS/PO**
- (v) the format of the public meetings was agreed to be by powerpoint presentation with boards in the room. The presentation would be followed by questions from the floor. A prize or prizes would be drawn for tickets given to attendees as they came in. This information would be included on the flyer. **RD**
- (vi) as well as the flyers going out with the magazine there would be posters on notice boards and in the garage and a piece in the village website. **PW**
- (vii) it was agreed that all flyers/info sheets would be branded with the Bourton sign as a sort of watermark on each page **RD**
- (viii) **GO/PO** have agreed to get printing / cutting of any marketing material done as necessary. **GO/PO**
- (ix) Blackmore Vale Magazine to be contacted to include a piece about the NP. Publishing / copy deadlines to be pursued by **PW**. **PW**

12.19 Special Interest Groups

It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting

12.20 Funding

PW had contacted a number of people and organisations but had not had success in finding a funding source. As the two largest items of expenditure (ie the independent assessor and the referendum) were matters paid for by the District Council then the existing funds may go a long way in meeting the remaining costs. These were likely to comprise printing and other marketing costs.

12.21 Any Other Business

There would be a need to study NDDC's consultation draft of their core strategy when it comes out in the autumn to see how far it meets the objectives of the PC and the NPG. Matters which the Group considered to be of importance to the village included:-

- (i) the preservation of the environment

- (ii) healthcare including care/nursing homes
- (iii) restrictions on garden development
- (iv) better use of verges and open space
- (v) traffic/transport/parking
- (vi) street lighting
- (vii) rural character of the village
- (viii) prevention of sprawl from Gillingham
- (ix) road safety/road noise/speed limits
- (x) bridleways/footpaths
- (xi) preservation of green “fingers” separating Buildings
- (xii) future mix of housing sizes
- (xiii) the delicate balance between growth necessary for the village to thrive and maintaining the rural character (eg live/work units and small business units).

This list was not exhaustive but gave a flavour of the issues which would be studied. MW said that there had been approaches to the PC from some nearby parishes who were keen to share information of mutual interest and they would be contacted in due course.

MW

12.22 Date of next Meeting

This has been agreed for Tuesday 18th September 2012

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