

Notes of the Bleadon Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, held at 7pm on Wednesday 25th September 2019, in the Church Room, Coronation Road, Bleadon.

Present: Cllr Gill Williams (Chair to Council), Cllr Andy Scarisbrick, Graham Quick (Consultant), George Scott, Sara Osborne, Naomi Bibi (Clerk to Council)

Apologies: Cllr Mary Sheppard

1. **To approve the notes of the last meeting** – the notes were approved.
2. **To receive the Report from Mr Graham Quick – Neighbourhood Plan Consultant**
Mr Quick presented his report to the group and outlined the benefits associated with adopting a Neighbourhood Plan, both for Bleadon Parish Council, but also for North Somerset Council.
He stated that it would be important to make the decision whether to allocate land for development or not, as this decision would need to be justified.
Given that a Neighbourhood plan should be a community project, members of the Working Group agreed to make a recommendation to Full Council at the next meeting on 14th October 2019 to call a public meeting to carry out further community consultation. Mr Quick would be invited to talk so that residents could hear the pros and cons of adopting the Neighbourhood Plan, and also of the various decisions that would need to be agreed upon during the process, most notably, whether to allocate land for development in the plan or not.
3. **Mapping of Sites within the parish** – Members of the Working Group reviewed the current map of the Parish which showed both the Parish and Settlement boundaries. They noted the strategic gap between Weston Super Mare and Bleadon, and discussed areas which could be identified for possible future development, whilst acknowledging how unpopular this would be with most residents given the results of the initial survey that had been conducted.
4. **Update of Project Plan and Round table discussion and next steps** – The following was agreed:
 - i. To **recommend** to Full Council that a public meeting be called at which further public consultation could be carried out.
 - ii. To go through with the public at this meeting the pros and cons of identifying areas for potential development within the Neighbourhood Plan.
 - iii. Following this public meeting, to agree a way forward and divide then divide the plan up into different sections for members to work on, e.g. Transport, Environment, Vision, etc.
5. **Date and venue of next meeting** – 31st October 2019, 7:15pm, 5 Pine Lea, Bleadon.