

Minutes of Neighbourhood Planning Group meeting 24 April 2019.

Present: Gill Williams (Chairman), Andy Scarisbrick, Sara Osborne, George Scott, Mary Sheppard, Anne Selway.

Support: Marian Barber, Parish Clerk. **Apologies:** Pat Davies (resigned)

The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as accurate.

Review draft print of the survey results: It was confirmed that there were 281 responses (the test response had already been removed). As agreed at the last meeting an analysis of the free comments was undertaken and displayed at the Annual Parish Meeting. Unfortunately, attendance was minimal. Subsequently the document had been circulated to group members and parish councillors with a typed copy of the free comments analysis.

The Key Issues were reworded as:

Retaining the Character of Bleadon as a Village

Village road safety and the problems of the A370

Lack of public transport

Preserving the Environment

Increasing recreational facilities for older children and young adults

A concern was raised regarding the nature of some of the written comments which seemed to show a lack of knowledge of the parish, insinuations directed at individuals, and misunderstandings about who has control of things such as bus services.

It was **AGREED** that all comments are valid as they represent the views, opinions, aspirations and current understanding of the residents.

It is important to keep people interested and engaged; several residents had commented favourable on seeing the banners around the village and then receiving the survey direct through their door.

It was **AGREED** that an article would be in BVN112 (end of May) explaining some aspects raised, such as the national 'pink bales' scheme to highlight charitable support for breast cancer (blue for prostate cancer); the need to lobby NSC regarding bus services; and the need for cyclists to exercise better road sense.

Action: Gill.

Confirm print run and delivery. After discussion the following were **AGREED:**

- Print layout as per the draft.
- Clearer map of the parish, either double spread or outside back cover (**Marian**).
- Sketches / photos in the gaps between questions pertinent to the text (**Andy, Gill and Sara** to contact individuals).
- Foreword and next steps (**Marian**)

Delivery to be separate from Bleadon Village News; deliver to every household and also place at PO, Church porch and Queens Arms.

Applying for technical support and/or further grant aid: The anticipated grant programme is still not open online. We can bid for Technical Support, which is in the form of professional advisers assisting us to develop certain aspects of the Plan. However, we first need to know what are the gaps in policies, plans and guidance covering Bleadon. A certain resident is known to have the skills and expertise necessary for this considerable task and she will be asked to contribute her time to benefit Bleadon (**Mary**).

Anne had looked at the documents provided within others' completed Plans and suggested using these as a basis. She will review NSC's documents on 'housing sites assessment'.

NSC advise that the Plan should also provide information on:

- Population, past growth, demographic, trend over time.
- What housing do we have?: type of housing, numbers, design.
- What do we need? Demographic, sustainability, design.
- Access to facilities: how far do people have to travel for essential services? Recreation?
- Existing permissions in Bleadon; location, number of units.
- Objective assessment of sites available for housing.
- Local green space – local significance (natural, historic, access) AND evidence of use.
- Evidence for restricting size/character of any growth.
- Evidence of materially adverse effects (of inappropriate growth).

Residents with local history knowledge will be asked to review the first two points (**Gill**).

Project timeline and budget/spend: The timeline was reviewed and updated. The only spend this year to date is the printed draft - £115.

Next Steps: **Marian** to circulate proof. All to assist with delivery of the document. Next meeting will consider: comments received; research completed; technical support needs; etc.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 22nd May 2019 in the Church Rooms. Thereafter will be 26th June 2019.

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