

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING PARTY (NPWP)

AUGUST 13, 2020 at 7.30pm

Zoom Group meeting

MINUTES

These Minutes need formal approval at the next group meeting

Members present: Cllrs. Richard Flemming, Paul Williams, Mike Hall, Noel Robinson, Lucie Hoelmer, Howard Wilkins, Cllr. Mary Sherwin.

In attendance: Debbie Shaw, John Hayes, Philip Crowfoot.

Apologies: Cllr. Keith Lynch

- 1. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair:** Cllr. Richard Flemming was proposed by Cllr. Paul Williams and seconded by Cllr. Mary Sherwin to act as Chairman. Cllr. Paul Williams was proposed by Cllr. Flemming and seconded by Cllr. Noel Robinson to act as Vice Chairman. Both members accepted these positions as stated.
- 2. Update on current Burbage NP to 2026 and need to start the plan review to 2039:** Chair has been advised by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC) that the referendum will not take place until May 2021.
FORMAL REFERENCE: THE WORKING PARTY WILL CONTINUE TO PREPARE FOR THE NEXT UPDATE/REVISION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER AND HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL'S LOCAL PLAN NEEDED FOR THE FUTURE - 2039.
- 3.** For part of the review, HBBC has confirmed that no formal consultations are needed until Regulations 14 and 16, and then further consultations at the Regulation 18 stage, but NPWP may wish to have informal meetings with residents as we progress. It was agreed that it is necessary to look at a time frame to be aligned for this process.
- 4.** Discussions on the White Paper took place, and where possible reforms and changes to parts of said White Paper [e.g. 2.253 and 2.214] may be needed. It was agreed that design guides, rather housing numbers, are now more relevant to progress the Plan review. Areas to address: Growth, Renewal and Protected Areas; however, this will not address the planning consents not being built. There will be areas that are democratically agreed for development.
- 5.** As the focus now appears to be on a design code, investigation is needed to be in line with HBBC's design plan, thereby finding a way of protection which is currently difficult to see a way forward.
- 6.** Burbage Parish Council (BPC) is expected to sign up to Service Level Agreement (SLA) with HBBC. It appears that parishes will only be allowed 4hrs/month assistance from officers at HBBC. Will it be possible to 'bank' them if not used as BPC could take some of the work off HBBC [e.g. digitation?] This could allow Burbage more hours later, [as Burbage is the largest Parish there is a question as to whether more hours should be allocated to Burbage?]

7. Can we still use RCC, e.g. John Preston, or Colin Wilkinson of Planit-X for advice? Cllr. Flemming will contact Rachel Dexter at HBBC to determine feasibility of this.
8. HBBC now have a 5-year housing supply, but no updated Local Plan (up to 2039) or housing delivery numbers. The HBBC “Reviewing and monitoring a neighbourhood plan” states a figure of a maximum of 1382 houses. Cllr Flemming will contact Rachel Dexter to formally ask for housing number(s) for Burbage as to whether figure is based on percentage of population per parish or by percentage of number of houses in each parish?
9. It was agreed to survey the Government White Paper “National Planning Policy Framework” and to itemise the major points and discuss these with HBBC to avoid wasting time going round in circles as previously encountered.
10. **Grant funding - It was proposed by Paul Williams and seconded by Noel Robinson to formally request BPC to agree to applying for more funding, ?< £8/10k, for the NPWP from Locality.** Cllr. Flemming to discuss with BPC using Locality.
11. Surveys - Some members agreed to source those useful areas for conducting ecological surveys, but the actual surveys *must* be undertaken by a professional body listed on relevant body for referral at hearings, for corroboration. Existing evidence can be used, together with environmental and design guidance. Vice Chairman suggested putting out an advert/ request for professional person living in the area with an interest and knowledge to help address some of these issues thereby helping the village. [Website/Facebook, etc] to assist the NPWP.
12. It was suggested that we should be looking for larger areas of green space to allocate for a park, this way it could be designed into a development area and achieve great benefit to Burbage.

Date of next meeting: September 3rd, 2020 @ 7.30 [via Zoom]

Meeting closed at 21.03

Mary Sherwin
Minute Secretary
NPWP