

Biddulph Neighbourhood Planning Working Group Meeting Thursday 4 January 2018

Attendees

Councillor Dave Hawley	Biddulph Town Council- Chair
Councillor Graeme Court	Biddulph Town Council - Vice Chair
Councillor Ken Harper	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Oliver McGuinness	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Wayne Rogers	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Hilda Sheldon	Biddulph Town Council
Karen Harper	Resident
Sarah Haydon	Biddulph Town Council
Bob Hart	Biddulph North Community Association
Bill Hockey	Resident
Paul Kasperowicz	Resident
Alistair McLoughlin-Goldstraw	Resident
Chris Perkin	Resident
Angela Turner	Resident
Philippa Whalley	Resident

1. Apologies

Councillor Liz Nicosia	Biddulph Town Council
Sue Fletcher	Poolfold Residents
Andrea Millington	Resident
Hal Wilson	Resident

2. Declaration of Interests

None declared

3. Accept Notes from last meeting

Councillor Hawley read through the notes.

The notes from the meeting held on 23 November 2017 were signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from last meeting

Paul Kasperowicz queried what the terms of referendum/scope for the Highways consultant was. Access in and out of the town and car parking should be considered; speeding is a considerable issue. Safety should be a major concern.

Councillor Rogers noted that the Town Council's regeneration pot was primarily for town centre projects.

Councillor Hawley felt that the major issue with this project could be cost; New Street, Biddulph Moor should also be considered.

Councillor McGuinness felt that coach parking is an issue in the town.

The Chief Officer noted that she had met with David Greatbatch and discussed this project with a contact that Hannah Barter had shared; a draft would be shared in the coming weeks.

Councillor Hawley stated that the purpose is to develop recommendations that can be presented to Staffordshire County Council Highways.

Bill Hockey noted that consultants are used to be working with Planning/Highways departments.

5. Update from Sarah on meeting with Hannah

The Chief Officer reminded members about the email sent on 13 December detailing dates when the group would meet with Hannah Barter from Urban Vision.

Data inputting would need to be complete by the end of January.

The group would meet with Hannah on Thursday 15 February at 6.30pm to look at the results of the householder questionnaire.

There would be a follow-up meeting on Thursday 22 February at 6.30pm to do a policy mapping workshop. This is where we discuss what specific policies are needed and link the themes together.

There was some concern about this date as it is in half term. The Chief Officer would contact Hannah to re-arrange this meeting.

At the end of March, the group will look at the template for the document and allocate sections that we can each write (e.g. demographics, context, history of the area, etc.)

Bill Hockey confirmed that he had looked at Survey Monkey and this seemed to be an appropriate tool for inputting the data.

6. Questionnaire – Inputting of data

The Chief Officer noted that 1200 questionnaires had been received; this represented households and not just individuals.

Paul Kasperowicz queried what other organisations had been involved. Councillor Hawley noted that these questions could be sent on and the results can be 'tested' with groups within the town.

Councillor Harper suggested that the Patient's Participation Group should be formally involved. It was noted that Andrea Millington and Councillor McGuinness are both members of this group.

Councillor Harper queried whether the questionnaire analysis could be sent out in advance of the meeting with Hannah Barter. The Chief Officer confirmed that it would. Councillor Hawley noted that the most difficult thing would be to pull the comments together.

Bill Hockey stated that the Planning Matrix will help with this task.

There was a discussion about whether members could help to input the questionnaires and their availability.

The Chief Officer confirmed that she had not heard from the High School since the initial

email.

Councillor Harper proposed that this group should pay for the questionnaires to be inputted.

Chris Perkin noted that this would usually be more than minimum wage as data inputting was more skilled work. The best way to do this may be per piece, and not per hour.

Angie Turner noted that this had been discussed at one of the first meetings.

Councillor Hawley stated that he and the Chief Officer would look into this and then report back to the group by email.

Councillor Harper suggested getting a company to do this work.

Councillor Hawley had been shocked by the numbers received and the length of time they took to complete. Alistair McLoughlin-Goldstraw agreed; the group had hoped for more online.

All agreed that Councillor Hawley and the Chief Officer should make a decision about this in order to progress this work quickly.

7. Housing Needs Assessment and Masterplan

The Chief Officer noted that the consultant from AECOM who was completing the Masterplan is unable to attend evening meetings. It will be necessary to discuss this without her and to then send feedback.

The Housing Needs Assessment should be completed within the next few weeks; this would be sent to members for their input.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be with Hannah Barter on Thursday 15 February 2018 at 6.30pm.

Paul Kasperowicz noted that he had received an email from the Police and Crime Commissioner and wondered whether we should invite him to this meeting to discuss policing in the town. Councillor Hawley wondered whether it would be more appropriate to invite him to the Town Council.

Paul Kasperowicz was also concerned about road crime the flow of traffic, and suggested inviting the Staffordshire Road Safety Officer. Philippa Whalley suggested waiting until we knew what the questionnaire said; Bill Hockey agreed that we needed the evidence from questionnaires.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm

Signed Date