

## **Biddulph Neighbourhood Planning Working Group Meeting Thursday 15 March 2018**

### **Attendees**

Councillor Court	Biddulph Town Council - Vice Chair
Councillor Jim Davies	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Councillor Hawley	Biddulph Town Council- Chair
Councillor Rogers	Biddulph Town Council
Sue Fletcher	Poolfold Residents
Karen Harper	Resident
Sarah Haydon	Biddulph Town Council
Bob Hart	Biddulph North Community Association
Bill Hockey	Resident
Alistair McLoughlin-Goldstraw	Resident
Andrea Millington	Resident
Chris Perkin	Resident
Angela Turner	Resident
Philippa Whalley	Resident
Hannah Barter	Urban Vision

### **1. Apologies**

Councillor Ken Harper	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Oliver McGuinness	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Hilda Sheldon	Biddulph Town Council
Hal Wilson	Resident

### **2. Declaration of Interests**

None declared.

### **3. Accept Notes from last meeting**

The notes from the meeting held on 15 February 2018 were signed as an accurate record.

### **4. Matters arising from last meeting**

Councillor Hawley updated the group that feedback had been sent to AECOM regarding the Housing Needs Assessment; information had not been received from Your Housing or Priory before the deadline, and so would not be included. This group would need to contact them directly and add this as an appendix; it is important to have their data and views.

Councillor Hawley had attended a Staffordshire Parish Councils Association (SPCA) meeting where Mark James from Staffordshire Moorlands District Council (SMDC) had spoken about the Local Plan. This would be adopted in Spring 2019. Councillor Hawley wondered whether, if this was passed later than the Neighbourhood Plan, it would take precedence. Hannah Barter confirmed that one document does not supersede the other; the Local Plan is the skeleton and the Neighbourhood Plan is the 'meat on the bones'. There was discussion about the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF); our Neighbourhood Plan will be tested on the current NPPF.

Sarah Haydon confirmed that the Highways tender would be considered at the next meeting.

## **5. Update on grant application and budget**

Sarah Haydon confirmed that Locality had agreed that the £9,000 grant could be used for consultant fees, Staffordshire Ecological Record (SER) aerial mapping work and expenditure arising from the householder questionnaire.

Sarah Haydon had not received any further feedback on the updated budget; there were no further considerations raised.

## **6. Hannah – Policy Mapping**

Hannah Barter (Urban Vision) stated that the purpose of this section of the meeting was to get the group thinking about the main themes that would form part of the policies within the Neighbourhood Plan.

### Preserving our Heritage, Culture and Tourism

Sue Fletcher presented an analysis of the themes that were emerging from these questions within the householder questionnaire. There was consideration of the town centre and the future of shopping in the town.

There was consideration about whether this group should consider developing a Neighbourhood Development Order. A Neighbourhood Development Order can grant planning permission for specific types of development in a specific neighbourhood area. A Neighbourhood Development Order can be used to permit:

- building operations (e.g. structural alterations, construction, demolition or other works carried out by a builder)
- material changes of use of land and buildings; and/or
- engineering operations

The group agreed that this should be investigated; Sarah Haydon would feedback at a later meeting.

Bill Hockey felt that frontages on the side roads should also be considered. There was further discussion about the need to make a 'decent' town centre with limited out of town development.

### Promoting the Local Economy

Councillor Court noted that many of the issues that had been raised in the Heritage group were also relevant to this group.

The responses in relation to pedestrianisation had produced a fairly even response. Alastair McLoughlin-Goldstraw wondered whether this was because we weren't specific about how this would look.

Councillor Court felt that this issue, together with traffic management on the High Street were the key considerations.

Alastair McLoughlin-Goldstraw felt that buses used a different route on market day and should avoid the town centre going forward.

Hannah Barter noted that design solutions could be incorporated into the non-planning section for Highways.

There was discussion about the need for a hotel in town.

Andrea Millington noted that it would be beneficial to speak to visitors at the Grange to ask where they were coming from. Sarah Haydon would make enquiries with Helen and also request any data that they may have.

### Improving Infrastructure

Alastair McLoughlin-Goldstraw noted that three quarters of respondents had stated that Knypersley traffic lights were a problem area.

It was agreed that Sarah Haydon would write to Highways and ask about the A527, specifically for Biddulph, and their plans for the next 10 years.

Sarah Haydon would also write to Staffordshire County Council Rights of Way team to ask about their plans to upgrade the paths.

Sarah Haydon would write to Severn Trent to ask for their capacity data. Alastair McLoughlin-Goldstraw would send the United Utilities sewerage study and flood risk assessment.

### Community and Well-being

It was noted that there were concerns about the capacity of GPs and medical provision within the town. Andrea Millington would draft a letter to GPs.

There was also concern that we may not have information from people with very young families; consideration would be needed as to whether further data should be gathered.

### The Natural Environment

This group also felt that young families weren't included as responses regarding playgrounds were low.

There was discussion about the need to map trees in the town.

### Housing Need and Design

Councillor Hawley noted that respondents felt that existing housing and buildings should be reused.

Councillor Rogers felt that 'affordable should be affordable'.

Andrea Millington stated that older people's accommodation was very important.

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

The Neighbourhood Plan template document would be considered at the next meeting, which would be **on Wednesday 11 April at 6.30pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.36 pm

Signed ..... Date .....