

Biddulph Neighbourhood Planning Working Group Meeting Wednesday 2 November 2016

1. Attendees

Councillor Dave Hawley	Biddulph Town Council Chair
Councillor Graeme Court	Biddulph Town Council Vice Chair
Councillor Jim Davies	Biddulph Town Council/Staffs Moorlands District Council
Councillor John Jones	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Oliver McGuinness	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Liz Nicosia	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Wayne Rogers	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Hilda Sheldon	Biddulph Town Council/Staffs Moorlands District Council
Sue Fletcher	Poolfold Residents
Bob Hart	Biddulph North Community Association
Sarah Haydon	
Bill Hockey	
Margaret Jones	Knypersley Resident
Paul Kasperowicz	Resident
Chris Lunt	Resident
Andrea Millington	Biddulph North Resident
Arthur Potts	Biddulph North Resident
Joyce Tagell	
Angela Turner	Biddulph North Resident
Alistair McLoughlin-Goldstraw	Resident

2. Apologies

Councillor Ken Harper	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Jill Salt	Biddulph Town Council
Jayne Turnbull	
Philippa Whalley	Biddulph Moor Resident

3. Declarations of Interest

Discussion of site allocations would not be included within this meeting, so declarations of interest in relation to particular sites are not necessary.

4. Notes from last meeting (9 June 2016) and Matters Arising

Councillor Hawley read sections of notes from the meeting on 9 June 2016.

The minutes were signed.

Councillor Jones updated members that there is due to be a meeting of the Local Plan Steering Group at Leek on Tuesday 8 November 2016. This meeting is just for Councillors to give consideration of greenbelt issues. An update will be provided at the next Neighbourhood Plan meeting.

5. Update on meetings with planners (20 October 2016)

Councillor Hawley updated the group about a meeting that had taken place with SMDC, between the Chief Officer, Councillor Hawley, Jo Bagnall and Claire Sansom. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is being re-jigged. SMDC are still waiting for this to be finalised, which has delayed the Local Plan. At present, they are basing policies on the Core Strategy document from 2014.

There will be a Neighbourhood Planning workshop on 8 December 2016 for groups to provide some insights and give the opportunity to share knowledge. When the smaller working groups are established in Biddulph, the leaders of these groups could attend this event.

Councillor Hawley also updated the group that Brown Edge and Checkley are paying for a consultant, provided by Locality. Councillor Hawley proposed that the costs and process should be considered by the Biddulph group. The Chief Officer will investigate this.

There was discussion about the Local Plan and concern that Biddulph is vulnerable until this is agreed. There were frustrations about the delays, but agreement that the Neighbourhood Plan should move forward. Smaller working groups should now be established.

Councillor Hawley agreed to develop a project plan for consideration at the next meeting. This will help the working groups to develop their timetables and understand the dependencies.

There was discussion about the questionnaire that should be developed to gain an understanding of the community's priorities.

Councillor Jones queried what the deadline should be for developing the questionnaire. Councillor Hawley proposed the end of January 2017. Councillor Hawley suggested getting a Planning student to do some of the analysis over the summer.

6. Working Groups and leaders

The individual groups and their leaders were discussed:

GROUP	LEAD	MEMBERS					
Promoting the Local Economy (inc. town centre and retail)	Jim Davies	Alastair Mcloughlin-Goldstraw	Graeme Court	Bill Hockey			
Preserving Local Heritage Culture and Tourism	Sue Fletcher	Joyce Tagell	Liz Nicosia	Angela Turner	Bob Hart	Hilda Sheldon	Wayne Rogers
Community and Wellbeing (inc. education, sport and leisure)	Andrea Millington	Joyce Tagell	Margaret Jones	Oliver McGuinness	John Jones		
Housing Need and Design	Dave Hawley	Philippa Whalley	Arthur Potts	Andrea Millington	Bob Hart	Bill Hockey	
Protecting the Environment, Countryside and Green Spaces (inc.	Angela Turner	Sue Fletcher	Paul Kasperowicz	Jim Davies	John Jones		

climate change)					
Improving Infrastructure	Arthur Potts	Alastair Mcloughlin-Goldstraw	Oliver McGuinness	Paul Kasperowicz	Bill Hockey

Bill Hockey proposed that a weighting matrix should be used; he would send this round for consideration.

The leadership of the groups should be formalised at the first meetings and then the group leaders will be invited to attend the meeting on 8 December at SMDC.

Councillor Sheldon queried how people felt about the 'garden town' status of Biddulph. It was agreed that consideration should be given to formalising this. Councillor Sheldon will find the information from central government and it will be circulated.

Councillor Hawley proposed that the next meeting should include discussion about the direction and the aims.

The Chief Officer will investigate consultants. Councillor Hawley confirmed that there is £9k available from Locality and the Town Council has agreed to add £18k. Each group can request resources, if needed. The referendum is paid for by SMDC.

The Chief Officer will also contact all those who said they would like to join a working group, at the SMDC Local Plan event.

Councillor Hawley confirmed that each group should make its own decision on whether they needed more people to do the work.

Bill Hockey had some concerns about confidential information being passed around between the groups. It was agreed that it should be made very clear if information was being discussed that should not be shared.

The Chief Officer will send contact details for the groups and examples of questionnaires that have been used elsewhere.

8 Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on 30 November 6.30 pm. This will be the main steering group.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Signed Date