

Biddulph Neighbourhood Planning Working Group Meeting Wednesday 11 January 2017

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
Sue Fletcher	Poolfold Residents
Bob Hart	Biddulph North Community Association
Sarah Haydon	
Bill Hockey	
Margaret Jones	Knypersley Resident
Paul Kasperowicz	Resident
Andrea Millington	Biddulph North Resident
Angela Turner	Biddulph North Resident
Hal Wilson	
Alistair McLoughlin-Goldstraw	Resident
Dave Proudlove	Urban Vision Enterprise

2. Apologies

Councillor Liz Nicosia	Biddulph Town Council
Philippa Walley	

3. Declarations of Interest

None were declared

4. Notes from last meeting (2 November 2016) and Matters Arising

Alistair McLoughlin-Goldstraw confirmed that he was happy to lead the Improving Infrastructure group, but would need to agree the scope.

5. Dave Proudlove – Urban Vision

Urban Vision (UV) is a partnership between UV North Staffs and UV Enterprise. They have been active in neighbourhood planning since the early days and have written the Roadmap Guides

They can be involved at different stages – start to referendum. This depends what we want to achieve and where we feel we need support.

Locality could provide financial support.

Policies have to be robust and there are basic conditions that should be met.

UV can support with community engagement, policies, mapping workshop, drafting plan and policies. They have experience of providing advice about examinations.

Councillor Davies queried the cost from start to finish. Dave Proudlove stated that this would probably cost £20-£30,000.

Sue Fletcher queried the possible cost to look at what we have and advise about how we fill in gaps, and then take us through technical bits.

Dave Proudlove stated that this was the type of work that had been completed for Ashbourne, which had cost £9,500.

Sue Fletcher queried whether there were any examples that we could look at. Dave Proudlove stated that Winsford, Yoxall and Stone were complete, or nearly complete. It is also worth looking at where Congleton are up to.

Hal Wilson queried what the daily rate would be. Dave Proudlove stated that this was £500.

Dave Proudlove stated that when UV understand the requirements they can turn round a fee proposal quickly.

Alastair McLoughlin-Goldstraw queried whether not having site allocations in the neighbourhood plan would affect us. Dave Proudlove stated that we should write a series of enabling policies, identifying the types of housing we want.

Bill Hockey queried what resource (people) would we need to do this. Dave Proudlove stated that this is a good sized group- a good core. It is very time intensive. Monthly meetings are good- maybe more often towards the end. Where some haven't worked it is because they don't meet often enough and are too closed.

Andrea Millington queried how much information we could get from the District Council. Dave Proudlove stated it is worth linking with other places in Staffs Moorlands as there may be overlaps.

Dave Proudlove has recent experience of Cheshire East. There is an enormous evidence base for the Local Plan- not all of it was made public.

There was a discussion about the policies that are available.

6. Update on Theme Group meetings

Angie Turner gave an update about information available from Wildlife Trust. This was crucial for mapping the habitat status/designated sites. Detailed maps would be £150 +VAT. All agreed this was a very reasonable price for this piece of work. Councillor Davies stated that this is exactly the sort of thing neighbourhood planning funds should be used for; we can take analysis to a deeper level. Other groups can access this sort of data too.

Councillor Davies felt we need ward maps. Sarah Haydon will source these.

Andrea Millington is struggling with the Community and Wellbeing Group. Dave Hawley would write a letter in the Chronicle to update the community, which would hopefully attract new members.

7. Update on Neighbourhood Planning Summit 8 December 2016 at Leek

A considerable part of the meeting at SMDC was taken over by the Local Plan update.

There was discussion about the likely date for completion.

Councillor Davies stated that SMDC get a bonus for every new house built. If there is no Local Plan, there is no bonus in 2017. It is financially important to get it completed.

8. Arrange Group Leaders Meeting

Group leaders – 6.30, Tuesday 31st January

Sue Fletcher felt that group leaders need to be clear about gaps.

Dave Hawley stated that leaders should identify what they want to get out of leaders meeting and he will collate ideas.

9. Project Plan

This would be looked at in the group leaders meeting.

10. Date of next meeting Wednesday 8th February 2017

The meeting closed at 8.14 pm.

Signed Date