

## **Biddulph Neighbourhood Planning Working Group Meeting Wednesday 25 January 2016**

### **Notes**

#### **1. Attendees**

Councillor Dave Hawley	Biddulph Town Council Chair
Councillor Graeme Court	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Ken Harper	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor John Jones	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Liz Nicosia	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Wayne Rogers	Biddulph Town Council
Karen Harper	
Sarah Haydon	
Bob Hart	Biddulph North Community Association
Bill Hockey	
Margaret Jones	Knypersley Residents
Andrea Millington	
Jayne Turnbull	
Hal Wilson	
Philippa Whalley	
Margaret Worthington	Knypersley Residents
Kate Thacker	Town Council Chief Officer
Amanda Beech	Green Tree House Project

#### **2. Apologies**

Councillor Jill Salt	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Rob Whilding	Biddulph Town Council
Joanna Bagnall	High Peak and Staffs Moorlands Regeneration Officer
Angie Turner	

Members introduced themselves.

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

The notes from the meeting held on 3 December 2015 were Approved.

#### **4. Matters Arising**

Budget allocated of £26,000 was approved by Town Council – we are applying for £8,000 grant. Will be getting article into local press in near future.

#### **5. Update from Meeting with SMDC on December 15th**

Map received from District Council – Chair informed members that this information should **NOT** be released to the press at this stage – it was still a draft document. All were in agreement.

Dave Hawley had met with Dai Lerner – agreed we will work together with planning officers on site allocations, using their expertise, and will free us up to develop other

aspects of NP. District Council was still working on numbers, expected in February. Chair - need to wait for the official numbers before we make comments known.

If we send this out as electronic copy we need assurance that will go no further; all members agreed.

Andrea Millington said that the contractors who removed trees etc adjacent to York Close/Essex Drive informed residents that they were told to destroy habitats. Chair said this was a Planning/Environmental issue and should be taken up with them.

## **6. What to include in the Plan**

We have agreed to carry out a full NP and now we have to decide what we have to cover in our plan.

The Chair spoke of Biddulph Town Deal and the 3 projects identified:

- 1 Mill Quarter – possible housing/mixed use. District/County Council to produce a mini master plan
- 2 Victoria Business Park – extension to site and A527 improvements (HS2 funding)
- 3 Wharf Road – mixed use – already in Core Strategy.

Andrea Millington spoke of the importance of business hub – small businesses renting space and sharing with others.

Suggestions for working sub-groups were asked for: will need people to split into smaller groups to look at each area, themes as suggested. Volunteer group leaders are needed. Themes to be taken from the Locality Roadmap document:

- **Employment**
- **Town centre & retail**
- **Housing**
- **Urban design**
- **Historic environments**
- **Transport**
- **Natural environment**
- **Other – health, sustainability, social care, cultural development & education**

## **7. Resources Required**

Resources – need to seek more members with relevant experience, planning/business/health/community groups/education.

Andrea Millington volunteered to create a facebook page

Further workshops would be done in each ward for the next public consultation. We have offered to assist the District Council in this.

Dave Hawley; 26 February 2016 will be attending Schools Council meeting and we will be talking on the NP at that.

Liz Nicosia – need to be realistic about what is wanted in Biddulph – can we fulfil aspirations? Kate Thacker said we must take this opportunity to include all wish lists,

including the further promotion of the Garden Town, identify important open space, what buildings should look like etc, etc.

## **8. The next steps**

- a Asked all to take back to own groups looking for more volunteers with relevant experience and contact us with names and contact details. (all)
- b Develop a plan of action for each theme – questionnaires (Biddulph survey) – on line (group leaders)
- c send out draft document to all present and link to the headings (KT)
- d article in Chronicle (DH. KT)
- e ask people to decide which groups interested in (all)
- f request help from Biddulph Business Chamber and other bodies (DH/KT)
- g Facebook page (AM)
- h Patient participation group to gain Health group members (DH/KT)
- i Liaise with High School (LN)
- j Terms of reference/code of conduct for this group (SH)

## **9. Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 24 February 2016 at 6.00 pm  
Liz Nicosia gave her apologies

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.