

Biddulph Neighbourhood Planning Working Group Meeting Wednesday 24 February 2016

1. Attendees

Councillor Dave Hawley	Biddulph Town Council Chair
Councillor Graeme Court	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Ken Harper	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Wayne Rogers	Biddulph Town Council
Sue Fletcher	Poolfold Residents
Sarah Haydon	
Margaret Jones	Knypersley Residents
Andrea Millington	
Arthur Potts	
Jayne Turnbull	
Angie Turner	
Hal Wilson	
Philippa Whalley	
Terry Williams	
Hal Wilson	
Margaret Worthington	Knypersley Residents
Jean Gaunt	Biddulph Town Council Officer

2. Apologies

Councillor Rob Whilding	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor John Jones	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Liz Nicosia	Biddulph Town Council
Karen Harper	
Bob Hart	Biddulph North Community Association
Bill Hockey	
Kate Thacker	Town Council Chief Officer

Members introduced themselves.

3. Notes from last meeting

The notes from the meeting held on 25 January 2016 2015 were Approved. Moved by Ken Harper seconded by Hal Wilson.

4. Matters Arising

8d Philippa Whalley had seen the report in the Chronicle requesting volunteers to join this group, Jayne Turnbull noted that she did not read the Chronicle and wondered how else we could advertise for volunteers. Questions were raised about the Facebook page, but Andrea Millington who had volunteered to look into this, had been delayed.

Margaret Jones mentioned the Patient Participation Group at the Health Centre, Ken Harper noted that he and Andrea Millington were on this, they would seek volunteers from this group.

Hal Wilson suggested contacting public and road transport representatives, including local coach companies Bakers and Hollinsheads, Sarah Haydon noted that her husband ran Hollinsheads. First and D and G buses were also suggested, but comments were made that they should be approached at a later stage.

It was suggested that Staffordshire Police be approached, or to seek a representative from the Crime Reduction Unit. Dave Hawley would raise this with the Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis at a meeting they were having the following day. It was also suggested to utilise the town noticeboards to advertise for volunteers, content and designer to be decided. It was noted that the Biddulph Business Chamber was not very active at the moment, but maybe the Manager of Sainsbury's could be approached.

- 8e Members were reminded to tell Kate Thacker which of the sub groups they would like to join
- Employment
 - Town Centre and retail
 - Housing
 - Urban design
 - Historic environments
 - Transport
 - Natural environments
 - Other – health, sustainability, social care, cultural development and education.

Margaret Worthington had spoken to the head at Biddulph High School, but he was unwilling to be involved. Dave Hawley noted that he would be addressing a meeting of the Schools Council and hoped that volunteers would come forward as a result. It was noted that the Chair of the Biddulph Schools Partnership Trust was the head of Biddulph Moor First School and an approach should be made to her.

Sarah Haydon suggested that a Communications Plan be drawn up showing the ways we had tried to engage with the population and the results.

Dave Hawley had heard unofficially, that there would be a reduction in numbers to 4,800 in the Staffordshire Moorlands, the ratio of 20% for Biddulph would relate to 960 properties with 36 on Biddulph Moor. Of this number 386 in the town were complete or nearly (including the Selectus site) according to the SMDC SHLAA Jul 2015 document, this left 574 to allocate. Dave Hawley explained that if the Neighbourhood Plan went against the District Council proposals, the Alternative suggested must be better and more viable, with a robust set of reasons, or it could be open to a government inspection and challenge by prospective developers.

5. Review of SMDC draft site allocations document

- BD004 a mill – a Brownfield site - a possibility but members felt it should be orange due to traffic concerns

- 016 West Street. Already had planning permission (SMD/2013/0594 – approved with conditions)
- 055 Meadows site (SMD/2015/0684 – approved recently)
- 059 Joiners Yard Shepherd Street - Brownfield – traffic concerns
- 108 Jacksons Nursery
- 71/71a, west side of by-pass meets all criteria. Put a rider to keep water course
106/15/6 as a natural stream not culverted
- BS117 Victoria Business Park extension stress access will have to be from Tunstall Road and not Mill Hayes Road. Dave Hawley noted that Parish/Town Councils would receive money from business rates in the future
- 76/76a mixed retail site. This had been previously been refused design grounds
- BD62 Essex Drive. Angie Turner declared an interest, living near to the site. The site had been community unfettered land since 1970. Current roads had cars parking on the pavements as the roadway was narrow with 2 blind bends; concern was expressed re odour from the adjacent sewage works. Arthur Potts noted that house building had been refused in the 1980's due to road access, He also noted that sewage works were very noisy in the early hours. Andrea Millington added that it was not at all an attractive site for developers and proposed that it be discounted. Agreed.
- 63a north of Newpool Road. Traffic was horrendous especially at school time. It was agreed if this area was to be used, all road issues must be addressed first.
- 068 land west of Portland Drive. This site would have a visual view of the sewage works, but could be a fall back site, it was suggested and agreed to classify as an orange site, or to reduce the number of properties to leave space between the houses and sewage works.
- 069 Knypersley Hall ex garden centre, agreed as long as the heritage of the site was retained.
- 0877 amber

At the next meeting those designated as amber would be considered, to counter those which had been removed.

Phillippa Whalley declared an interest as a resident of Biddulph Moor near to two of the proposed sites.

Dave Hawley noted that he and John Jones were adamant that there would be no large developments on the Moor, but they would be prepared to accept infill of up to 10-12 properties, this would give time for the village to cope. It was suggested that

strips on the edge of each of the proposed sites could be removed from the green belt to accommodate the allocation, these sites would be more attractive to small builders. This would mean that there would be no need to build new roads and the incomers would not cause major issues in the village.

Thought could be given to infill sites in the town to accommodate some of the capacity.

It was proposed that all those interested could visit the potential sites, possibly on a Saturday morning, as people were finding it difficult to give a view when unsure of the exact location of the sites. Those locations in green on the map to be visited first.

6. Terms of Reference/Code of Conduct

Sarah Haydon walked members through the papers. Those present completed the attached form.

7. The next steps

Suggestions to attract volunteers were given

- Contact the Geological Society and the Historical Society both to gain information and detailed maps.
- Advertise in the Biddulph Times.
- Requests via the Chronicle Twitter account
- An article in the Sentinel
- Ask each resident/community group Chair to advertise in their areas via meeting notices
- Schools
- Churches
- Posters in the town noticeboards and at locations around the town eg library, doctors, churches.

Dave Hawley gave details of a neighbourhood planning workshop to be held in Bridgnorth. Information about one to be held in Bakewell arrived the following day. Information was emailed to members, anyone interested to contact Dave Hawley as soon as possible.

8. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 9 March 2016 at 7.00 pm

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.