

Biddulph Neighbourhood Planning Working Group Meeting Wednesday 9 March 2016

1. Attendees

Councillor Dave Hawley	Biddulph Town Council Chair
Councillor Graeme Court	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Liz Nicosia	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Wayne Rogers	Biddulph Town Council
Sue Fletcher	Poolfold Residents
Bob Hart	Biddulph North Community Association
Sarah Haydon	Biddulph Town Council
Bill Hockey	Resident
Margaret Jones	Knypersley Resident
Andrea Millington	Biddulph North Resident
Jayne Turnbull	Biddulph East Resident
Philippa Whalley	Biddulph Moor Resident
Hal Wilson	Biddulph Moor Resident
Jean Gaunt	Biddulph Town Council Officer

2. Apologies

Councillor Ken Harper	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor John Jones	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Rob Whilding	Biddulph Town Council
Karen Harper	Resident
Margaret Worthington	Knypersley Resident
Kate Thacker	Chief Officer, Biddulph Town Council

3. Notes from last meeting

The notes from the meeting held on 25 January 2016 2015 were Approved with the following amendment: Minute 4 (8d) Hal Wilson offered expertise for road transport if needed and suggested contacting public transport representatives.

4. Matters Arising

Minute 4 (8d)

- Andrea Millington reported that the Patient Participation Group was willing to be involved if given a remit.
- Dave Hawley had not been able to talk to the Police and Crime Commissioner, but suggested that local police could be approached.
- Dave Hawley reported on the meeting with the Schools Council where he had given an overview of the Neighbourhood Plan process. He had asked the young people for their likes and dislikes of the town, what changes they would like to see and how they saw Biddulph in the future. Dave Hawley said he had been surprised by the thoughts and ideas raised and would meet with the young people again at a later date. Dave Hawley's notes from the meeting would be given to the relevant sub group.
- Dave Hawley reported that he had been asked to speak at the meeting of the Biddulph Schools Partnership trust in May.

- No further action had been taken about the next steps from previous meetings. Dave Hawley would send a press release to the Biddulph Times and The Sentinel. Sarah Haydon would produce a draft poster. Andrea Millington would liaise with Kate Thacker about creating a Facebook page linked to the Town Council page.

5. Continue review of SMDC draft site allocations document

Liz Nicosia read from an email which she had sent to Dave Hawley before the previous meeting – it had not been received. Liz Nicosia would like the Knypersley garden centre site to be retained and reinstated as the Walled Garden for Knypersley Hall. It could be used to grow produce for sale and also be used for educational visits. Bill Hockey thought it would give an opportunity for training and employment for young people. Dave Hawley suggested that the site be held back from the allocations for the time being. This was agreed. Sue Fletcher suggested that Liz Nicosia contact the owners of Biddulph Old Hall for advice.

Philippa Whalley expressed concern that the Biddulph Moor proposed sites had not been fully addressed. Dave Hawley suggested that a sub group comprising himself, Philippa Whalley, John Jones, Terry Williams and Hal Wilson meet to look at suitable infill sites, before the SMDC meeting the following week. Agreed.

6. Site Visits

The sites marked amber on the draft map were discussed.

004 – Mill at Gillow Heath - to be marked as green
 101 – Yarn Mill on Stringer Street - to be marked green
 102 – Minster Mill with several occupants – to be marked as green

140 – Bob Hart expressed concern about building on the west side of the railway line and about the access via Akesmore Lane. Bill Hockey thought the proximity to the town centre was a positive point. Andrea Millington expressed concern about the lack of schools in that area. Sue Fletcher expressed concern about the impact on the openness of the town if building took place on the green belt. It was resolved to keep as amber – wait for comments from the public at the consultation before making a decision

ADD04 – Mill Hayes – keep as amber – wait for comments from the public at the consultation before making a decision

Bill Hockey suggested that proposed alternate sites be listed and given to SMDC with our other comments. Agreed. The site of Chell's Builders and the land north to the A527 roundabout was suggested.

7. Communication Plan

This was deferred to a future meeting.

8. The next steps

The proposed site visit to be held on 19 March 2016 was postponed until the next stage of consultation had been completed and the weather was better.

Dave Hawley said that the priority would be to agree the sites then look at the working groups. He would be meeting with Joanna Bagnall – High Peak and Staffs Moorlands Regeneration Officer, Kate Thacker and Sarah Haydon on Thursday 24 March 2016 for advice on the next step, notes from this meeting would be circulated to members of this group.

A questionnaire would need to be drawn up; everyone was encouraged to google examples and bring suggestions to the next meeting. Everyone to be emailed a copy of the SMDC Draft Design Guide as soon as possible.

9. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 6 April 2016 at 6.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed Date