

Biddulph Neighbourhood Planning Working Group Meeting Wednesday 6 April 2016

1. Attendees

Councillor Dave Hawley	Biddulph Town Council Chair
Councillor Graeme Court	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Wayne Rogers	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Jill Salt	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Jim Davies	Biddulph Town Council/Staffs Moorlands District Council
Kate Thacker	Biddulph Town Council
Sarah Haydon	Biddulph Town Council
Sue Fletcher	Poolfold Residents
Bob Hart	Biddulph North Community Association
Karen Harper	Resident
Margaret Jones	Knypersley Resident
Andrea Millington	Biddulph North Resident
Arthur Potts	Biddulph North Resident
Jayne Turnbull	Biddulph East Resident
Angela Turner	Biddulph North Resident
Philippa Whalley	Biddulph Moor Resident
Terry Williams	Biddulph Moor Resident
Hal Wilson	Biddulph Moor Resident

2. Apologies

Councillor Ken Harper	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor John Jones	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Rob Whilding	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Liz Nicosia	Biddulph Town Council
Bill Hockey	Resident
Margaret Worthington	Knypersley Resident
Joanna Bagnall	Staffs Moorlands District Council/High Peak BC

3. Notes from last meeting

The notes from the meeting held on 9 March 2016 were Approved

4. Matters Arising

Minute 4:

- Dave Hawley would be speaking about the NP at the meeting of the Biddulph Schools Partnership trust in June.
- DH had sent out press releases: one had been published in the Biddulph Times, but nothing in the Sentinel.
- Sarah Haydon was still working on the poster.
- Andrea Millington said that the Facebook page would need constant monitoring, as it was not possible to turn off the ability to comment.

5. Report on NP workshop at Bridgenorth

DH - This had been attended by Dave & Ken and was felt to be most worthwhile. There were presentations from the Dept of Communities & Local Government and also from Hereford County Council (a good example of how a council should support parishes with neighbourhood planning).

Main points:

- a) Need to reach agreement with District Council over housing sites
- b) Support grant from Locality is now £9k
- c) There are NP Champions to seek advice from
- d) Hereford County Council takes the view that its LP should be made up of each parishes NP (100 in Herefordshire). Are useful guidance notes on their website: <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/neighbourhood-planning>
- e) Advised to seek a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the District Council
- f) District Council should let go & be prepared to listen – continuous engagement/ support with parishes
- g) Ensure we liaise with Housing Associations to make sure that affordable housing goes to local people
- h) Evidence everything (inc photos); be realistic
- i) Be aware of developer responses
- j) Ensure a professional writes the plan
- k) Differences between the District Council/NP must be resolved
- l) Ensure all regulatory aspects are covered

6. Report on meeting with Jo Bagnall

1. JB said that the District Council was about to go out with proposed options consultation for 6 weeks (May-June)
2. DH pointed out that if the District Council officers didn't communicate properly with the NP working group it would disagree with the Local Plan at Inspection stage, which would get it sent back
3. JB - housing numbers were not available until 5 April & would be on the DC website. Decisions were still being taken
4. DH – need agreement between both sides, so good communication essential to the process
5. JB – if the LP & NP concur on sites, the NP wouldn't need to allocate these – work & expense saved
6. JB suggested having meeting with reps of NPWG and planning officers during the public consultation exercise. Positive & constructive. DH felt this was a good idea
7. WG needs to develop a design policy to say how the plan for a particular area is developed – set how each site should come forwards
8. Put onto TC website that Biddulph NP area is now designated. Contact the press to announce progress
9. JB suggested developing a database of interested parties to assist with the consultation process – mailing list
10. JB – next steps a) to develop a communication plan b) to establish a vision for the NP – agreed to base these on Sue Fletcher's suggestions:
11. Our Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan:-
 - a. Enhances our reputation as "The Garden Town of Staffordshire".
 - b. Includes the infrastructure required to support our residents.
 - c. Accounts for comments made during the public consultation process in 2015.

- d. Enables access to amenities and public transport.
- e. Encourages and supports development which is carried out responsibly.
- f. Ensures that housing is affordable and supports the developing needs of our community.
- g. Is dynamic and sustainable in terms of maximising the use of new technologies and developments.

Ask if the public agrees with these & also what are the perceived problems in the NP area. (*Need to evidence consultation at each stage & photos if poss to show how widely carried out*)

- 12. JB – the Locality grant is now £9k – need to outline how it will be spent in the application
- 13. The DC pays for the Referendum and Inspection process – high costs
- 14. Project plan alongside vision · tasks/timescales (DH look at Hereford CC website for NP toolkit)
- 15. JB is contact in the first instance – continue to include in all mailings
- 16. Would be useful to have a SLA with the DC
- 17. At DC consultation event, have a NP stand and gather names of interested parties for communication database
- 18. Need also to show that views of landowners & developers have been taken into account in the NP. Must be written from a positive, pro-growth perspective
- 19. Need to meet the basic conditions statement

Next steps:

- a) Communication plan
 - stand at the consultation
 - stand in Sainsbury's
 - consultation document with Biddulph Times
 - website/social media
 - local radio
- b) Project plan/timetable
- c) Vision statement
- d) Grant info – Locality

7. Housing numbers update

DH reported that there were 885 to find in Biddulph and 45 in Biddulph Moor

8. SMDC site allocations consultation

It was moved to query several sites with the officers.

Re the Mill Triangle: the Town Deal will have to tie in with the NP as it is one of the projects put forwards by the partnership (which includes County Council/District Council

DH – a danger that if the Biddulph NP removed any green sites, the District Council could re-instate some red ones. There would be difficult decisions to make. If any green sites were thrown out we must have suitable alternatives. We would have another meeting when the District Council has arranged a meeting to discuss the consultation with sub-group. We will repeat what has already been said and add additional sites & ask questions about the consultation figures.

PW – need to discuss detail of Biddulph Moor housing prior to the meeting with the District Council. .

DH – they should consider the frontages, but the Greenbelt Review may hamper this

9. Vision and aims

This was deferred to a future meeting. SH agreed to do a draft communication plan and a project plan for the next meeting – other aspects of the NP needed progressing.

10. Date of next meeting

~~Wednesday 20 April 2016 at 6.30 pm (room not available)~~

Thursday 21st at 6.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.22 pm.

Signed Date