

Biddulph Neighbourhood Planning Working Group Meeting Wednesday 21 April 2016

1. Attendees

Councillor Dave Hawley	Biddulph Town Council Chair
Councillor Graeme Court	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Ken Harper	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Jim Davies	Biddulph Town Council/Staffs Moorlands District Council
Kate Thacker	Biddulph Town Council
Tony Birchall	Resident
Sarah Haydon	Biddulph Town Council
Bill Hockey	Resident
Margaret Jones	Knypersley Resident
Andrea Millington	Biddulph North Resident
Arthur Potts	Biddulph North Resident
Joyce Tagell	Biddulph Moor Resident
Angela Turner	Biddulph North Resident
Hal Wilson	Biddulph Moor Resident
Margaret Worthington	Knypersley Resident

2. Apologies

Councillor John Jones	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Rob Whilding	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Liz Nicosia	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Wayne Rogers	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Jill Salt	Biddulph Town Council
Joanna Bagnall	Staffs Moorlands District Council/High Peak BC
Sue Fletcher	Poolfold Residents
Karen Harper	Resident
Bob Hart	Biddulph North Community Association
Jayne Turnbull	Biddulph East Resident
Philippa Whalley	Biddulph Moor Resident
Terry Williams	Biddulph Moor Resident

3. Declarations of Interest

Joyce Tagell - owns a site which is no longer a preferred option
Margaret Jones – co-owns land which is not for sale
G Court - lives near BD068

4. Notes from last meeting 6th April and Matters Arising

7. Housing numbers update

HW wished that it be recorded he had raised questions re the housing numbers, these had been submitted to DH to be passed on to JB. This had been done and we were still awaiting answers.

5. Neighbourhood Plan Vision and Aims

DH suggested that ideas from Sue Fletcher would be a useful starting point
Our Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan:-

- Enhances our reputation as "The Garden Town of Staffordshire".
- Includes the infrastructure required to support our residents.
- Accounts for comments made during the public consultation process in 2015.
- Enables access to amenities and public transport.
- Encourages and supports development which is carried out responsibly.
- Ensures that housing is affordable and supports the developing needs of our community.
- Is dynamic and sustainable in terms of maximising the use of new technologies and developments.
- Etc.

Other suggestions:

People want a Garden Town and preservation of the history of town

Need to improve employment opportunities

Vibrant town centre – leisure opportunities, restaurants, cafes, viable and sustainable.

Environment and green spaces – map and mark green corridors between them

Document everything we have – audit of all facilities the town has to offer

6. Policy Groups

The following policy groups were identified:-

Promoting the Local Economy

Town Centre and retail

Housing Need and Design

Preserving Local Heritage, culture and Tourism

Community and well-being (including education and sport and Leisure)

Protecting the environment, countryside and green spaces (including climate change)

Improving Infrastructure

7. Neighbourhood Plan stand for Consultation Day

Consultation Day will be on Wed May 11th from 5pm - 8pm

Promote the Neighbourhood Plan

Information gather and get snapshot of opinion from those attending.

Use Policy headings as guide, ask people to make points under each of the headings on post it notes, use green stickers if people already agree with point made rather than duplicating it.
Question to ask "How do you see Biddulph over the next 15 years"
Gather email addresses to send out information to people and produce a consultation database with details of people's interests.
Angela trained in community consultation and offered to assist with this.
Communication database
Remain detached from site allocations/LP and use the annexe for our stand SH to produce briefing note for 11th May.
BH suggested we get some banners made promoting the Neighbourhood Plan and put them on the TC boards at each end of the town.
BH to send example to KT

SH had produced a poster, minor amendments were suggested.
The logo should be adopted but make the lettering a little more colourful.
The message "Your Town Your Voice" was agreed to go on the posters and banners and be promoted.

A Neighbourhood Plan postbox was also suggested.

8. Project Plan/Timetable/Communication

SH had produced a Communication Strategy and this was circulated and SH explained the document.

9. The next steps

Arrange meeting with planners for week following consultation.

10. Date of next meeting

Thursday 5 May 6.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Signed

Date