

Biddulph Neighbourhood Planning Working Group Meeting Wednesday 5 May 2016

1. Attendees

Councillor Dave Hawley	Biddulph Town Council Chair
Councillor Graeme Court	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Jim Davies	Biddulph Town Council/Staffs Moorlands District Council
Councillor Ken Harper	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Liz Nicosia	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Wayne Rogers	Biddulph Town Council
Sue Fletcher	Poolfold Residents
Sarah Haydon	Biddulph Town Council
Bob Hart	Biddulph North Community Association
Bill Hockey	Biddulph North Resident
Margaret Jones	Knypersley Resident
Paul Kasperowicz	Resident
Chris Lunt	Resident
Andrea Millington	Biddulph North Resident
Angela Turner	Biddulph North Resident
Terry Williams	Biddulph Moor Resident
Hal Wilson	Biddulph Moor Resident
Margaret Worthington	Knypersley Resident

2. Apologies

Councillor John Jones	Biddulph Town Council
Councillor Rob Whilding	Biddulph Town Council
Tony Birchall	Resident
Arthur Potts	Biddulph North Resident
Philippa Whalley	Biddulph Moor Resident

3. Declarations of Interest

Margaret Jones – co-owns land which is not for sale BD131
Graeme Court - lives near BD068
Chris Lunt – has an interest in BD069
Paul Kasperowicz– has an interest in BD087

4. Notes from last meeting 21st April and Matters Arising

Dave Hawley had produced notes as Kate Thacker had not had chance to do this before she left. Queried if there was anything to add.

Graeme Court- in point 7, any database should record skillset and contact details.

With regard to banners – ask Veronica (Events Director) to quote to do

artwork. Sarah Haydon had looked at indicative costs of printing. SH to explore more options.

Sue Fletcher – vision/aims should match with policy groups.

Dave Hawley – vision/aims still just ideas. Policy groups will be discussed at consultation event.

5. Neighbourhood Plan stand for Consultation Day

The Group noted that an A5 leaflet is being sent to households to advertise the event.

Chris Lunt- why has SMDC identified sites, done a greenbelt review then identified new sites? It seems to be the wrong way round.

Bill Hockley- no comments have been recorded on the consultation website yet.

Sarah Haydon introduced the plan for consultation event and will prepare briefing note for 11th with ideas for how to answer questions that people may have.

Paul Kasperowicz- we have no idea about end dates. Should we put dates up?

Dave Hawley- We'll put dates on our boards.

Angie Turner- there are a wide range of questions on Local Plan consultation website. NP group should have a view on these – such as boundaries of town centre etc. Consultation is wider this time.

Sarah Haydon to make enquiries about how SMDC are planning the event, and to produce A5 posters/handouts. We'll give these out in the foyer and position the stand in the annexe.

Jim D stated it is important to make comments after the event. Glean information on the night. Make sure we do written responses, copy Councillors in.

6. Review sites for meeting with planners

Meeting with planners will be in June.

Dave Hawley we are working on 885 new sites. We agree with 537, need to find 348 dwellings.

Not had answer on numbers/dwellings yet. We can be more specific in the NP. We need to have something to go forward with.

Sue Fletcher- people will ask us about numbers and why.

Dave Hawley- send them to SMDC. At this point we can't argue. We don't have enough information.

Dave Hawley- we'll use their numbers for now. We need to take document to SMDC – what do we agree with/suggest?

Chris Lunt- is this group representative?

Angie Turner- there have been several opportunities to get involved in NP and the invitation is open to anyone with skills and enthusiasm.

Discussion about specific areas:

BD062

National Planning Policy Framework- highlights the importance of considering health and pollution risks.

Angie Turner will send information to support this view.

Also highway concerns. Should have looked at networks of green infrastructure and habitat restoration

Phase 1 habitat survey has not been completed.

BD068 and **BD087** also affected by sewage issues.

If taking all out, 135 needed from somewhere else.

Jim Davies- what do people think about **BD083**?

Paul Kasperowicz- this is probably a better site, but no access. Now red.

BD063a now 40 dwelling.

Ken Harper- drainage is a major issue

Margaret Worthington- residents have strong views about the road.

BD144 – 80 To consider further at a future meeting.

BD0118 and **109** are options. Put forwards instead of **BD063a**.

There was extensive discussions about the **Akesmore Lane** site.

Sarah Haydon declared an interest in this site. There is some extended family ownership, but she is not a decision-maker

Wayne Rogers- this has never been consulted on. Only 6 weeks to have say, other sites have had 12 months

Jim Davies- at the time of proposing this site, the landowners were not known on Akesmore Lane. That's why there are only 60 dwellings.

Paul Kasperowicz- Access is an issue on Akesmore Lane. Could access be down Wharf Road?

Graeme Court- The land is contaminated. Should be brownfield. It will be expensive to clear.

Andrea Millington- It might be feasible to reduce the site at the narrow end and extend at the other end (southern end) so access is off Wharf Road.

Liz Nicosia- should go forward with this.

Paul Kasperowicz- this would be a good place for new school.

Bob Hart objected. Greenbelt must be preserved. It is a diverse site.

The group voted on whether to propose that the Akesmore Lane site (**ADD03**) should be included in NP feedback, with access off Wharf Road and a reduction in the site in the north. To consider 200 dwellings.

This was passed. 3 against, 1 abstention.

There followed a discussion about the Vice-Chair of this group. As the group reports to the Planning Committee within the Town Council, the Vice- Chair also needs to be a Councillor. Committees are being discussed next week so the group can discuss this further (if necessary) when committee membership has been decided.

7. The next steps

Dave Hawley to chase Jo Bagnall for answers to queries previously raised.
As many members as possible to attend on 11 May, 5-8pm.
Sarah Haydon to arrange date with planners and small number from the NP Working Group.

8. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 18 May 6.30 pm

Apologies from Bob Hart and Margaret Jones.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Signed Date