Abbots Bromley Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group (ABPNDPWG)

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21st September 2017 - Church House

Present: (BW) Bryn Walters* (Group Chair), (TW) Tom Wheeldon (GH) Greg Hall** (SP) Stephen Perrins, (PM) Peter Male, (RR) Ros Robb* (PR) Phil Ryan* (SA) Stuart Appleby

* Parish Councillors.
** East Staffordshire Borough Councillor

1. Apologies for absence

(NH) Neal Haywood, (AB) Anna Bebbington

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Review and agree minutes of the last meeting (31st August 2017)

The group discussed the draft minutes. It was agreed that TW would make suggested amendments to the draft and then e-mail the re-drafted minutes to the group for agreement.

ACTION: TW to complete suggested draft minutes changes

4. Update on Draft Plan progress

- Village Development Boundary (PM)

PM raised the question as to whether the group have considered the village settlement boundary. The group agreed that it isn’t an issue that has been considered in isolation but that the process for site assessment and identification previously carried out is clear. Sites adjacent to the settlement boundary were assessed and the chosen sites if taken forward
will require a change to the current settlement boundary to accommodate. This is well-defined in the report of the site assessment process which also includes concise mapping.

- Traffic & Parking Policies (PM)

PM raised the issue and made reference to suggested traffic and parking policies that could form part of the draft plan process. These were originally forwarded to the group in May. BW made the point that these suggestions should be added to the draft plan available on Dropbox or at least loaded on to Dropbox as a 'standalone’ document that can then be reviewed.

**ACTION: PM to upload T&P work to Dropbox.**

- ‘Remote’ settlement policies (PM)

PM raised the issue of draft policies associated with the wider Parish and set out how important it is that strong policies to support the Parish form a key part of the draft plan. The group unanimously agreed. It was therefore agreed that SP would look at remote settlement policies.

**ACTION: SP to action and begin to upload suggested remote settlement policies to the draft plan on Dropbox.**

5. Horn Dance Day

- Crown Bank Displays & consultation feedback

BW and GH led on the Crown Bank consultation carried out on Horn Dance Day. BW had previously sent an outline to the group to give a flavour of the feedback received.

We had 59 forms that were completed on the day, briefly those people expressed a view as follows:

- Option 1 - 22
- Option 2 - 13
- Option 3 - 10
- Option 4 (dislike them all) - 10
- 2 people selected both options 1 & 2
- 2 people left comments but declined to make any choice
A number of people also left comments as part of the consultation. BW agreed to write up a report of the results to include the completed forms scanned to provide an appendix of supporting information.

**ACTION: BW to complete the report of the consultation for the group to then consider in full.**

6. **Correspondence**

- Letter from Abbots Bromley School meeting notes (18-08-17)

The group reviewed and discussed a letter received from Abbots Bromley School. The letter sets out the school response to the NDP group list of assurances in terms of the proposed development of the school site as well as those outstanding items following our meeting in July. The group agreed that whilst a written record of their position is useful it is still ambiguous in areas as well as failing to cover all items as requested.

The group agreed as suggested by PM that at this point we should thank the school for their letter but not look to hold any further meetings until we have identified and agreed as a group the local housing need as it relates to the school land. The group agreed that currently the pressing issue is to get the plan drafted in order to have something concrete to consult with the village.

It was agreed that to help with the mapping ESBC should be contacted prior to the next meeting.

**ACTION: BW to contact ESBC to source site base maps.**

- Report of a visit to the new ‘AB Equine’ facility by TW (20-09-17)

  - AB Equine are leasing from the school on 3month reviewable stages.
  - They are using a small part of the building to work from in order make the business more inviting to visitors.
  - They have spruced it up and made it look presentable (lick of paint and a bit of a clear out).
  - Although it is early days, there has been an upturn in interest from pupils (and from local non pupil families). They are seeking to improve the fortunes for hosting equestrian related activities on the site.
I enquired what their options would be if they built it up so well, that they had a full 'order book'. They were unable to answer outside of the fact that they are very much at the behest of the school's intentions for the site.

They consider the buildings too much of a liability for major financial input, and if the decision to sell off the land was taken by the school then they wouldn't be able to bid for continuing to run it on their own.

They are aware that the school is utilising them to provide equestrian activities, and are aware that this may also be possible 'outside' of the current site if this is decided on.

I left with the request to 'spread the word'.

PM asked the question - is it the intension to recommend development to fill the whole of the selected site (Equestrian centre/Anglesey) or use as much of the site as may be necessary to accommodate the housing need identified? There was a short discussion.

8 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be:

Thursday 5th October – 19:00, Church House (upstairs room)

ACTION: TW to action room booking