

**Draft Minutes of  
BOTTESFORD PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN  
STEERING GROUP MEETING**

**7.30 p.m. Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015 – Old School**

Present:

**Steering Group Members**

Bob Bayman (BB) - Chair  
David Wright (DW) -Vice Chair  
Richard Simon (RS) - Clerk  
Cob George (CG)  
Peter Darlow (PD)  
Colin Love (CL)  
Susan Love (SL)  
Pru Chandler (PCh)  
Richard Coombs(RC)

**Helpers**

Alan Gough (AG)  
Kathy Sparham (KS)  
Bob Sparham (BS)  
Anne Ablewhite (AA)  
Leigh Donger (LD)  
Annie Newman (ANe)

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Karen Gough, Jean Reavley, Val Lever, Bob Lockey, Maria Pride, Nicola Young, John Preston, Heather Shephard, Neville Spick

**3. To confirm and agree minutes of the meeting 22nd July 2015**

Pru Chandler and Jean Reavley were omitted from the list of those attending  
CL requested that 7c should be altered to read...showing water on Belvoir Road *heading towards the centre of the village* which could be used as evidence...  
Apart from the above the minutes were agreed.

**4. Matters arising and actions from those minutes**

None

**5. Parish Council update.**

The Parish Council was updated with progress.

**6. Results of the Questionnaire**

There was substantial support for the criteria we had put forward but the 'improvements' had slightly less support in many cases residents wanted more details about the proposals.  
Not building on village approaches bought fears that the alternative was to build in the village centre.  
Flooding was a major worry and generated a very high 'agreed' result.

Regarding the envelope some feared its move and others said move and keep it there for 25 years, still 4 people out of 5 agreed with the criteria. Envelopes are no longer in use and we need to make special provision in the NP if we wish to keep it as a control.

Lack of public transport was a concern.

A sheet will be circulated with these minutes showing each element of the questionnaire and the percentage of returns that strongly agreed or agreed.

Car parking the poor state of the station car park and bus stop were mentioned by AG and a tarmac surface was required to make the car park more effective and provide a hard surface by the bus stop to prevent the muddy ruts that are currently the case.

SL mentioned speeding on Station Road, AG and Alistair Raper are looking at siting options for the speed camera.

The comments provided on the returns can be used to provide a program of works in the coming years

## **7. Results of the Public Engagement Event**

The Chair explained the layout of the event and that the lead sites were Rectory Farm and the adjacent plot behind the Recycling Centre.

BS commented that the decision on the sites was not democratic, the reasoning was explained and furthermore, CABE also recommended that site and the outcome followed substantial consultation. CL pointed out that every site could be voted upon.

This is not the end of the process and some of the rejected sites can and probably will come forward with modifications to the proposals that will allow them to fit MBCs criteria. A vote of thanks was made to BB and RCC for the boards, KS said that BBs presentation was excellent.

AA asked about the Airfield and the need to be able to buy commercial premises and considering the Rectory Farm site KS queried the suitability of the existing junction with Nottingham Road. Colin Wilkinson wants to get into discussion with residents and provide workshops where queries can be addressed. Question was posed, why not use the small sites, the response was that all the small sites would not give the required housing numbers.

A vote was taken with the proposal by CL that we accept the decision to build at Rectory Farm, seconded by AG and the vote was 11 to 3 in favour of the proposal, PCh did not vote due to possible conflict of interest.

## **8. The Melton Plan**

PCh said that the 6000 houses for Melton Borough is not necessarily a final figure, if there are substantial additions then a new village may be an option. Need for affordable housing. Schools have sufficient places and want development.

Consultation will run from 7<sup>th</sup> January to 3<sup>rd</sup> April with completion of the final document in January 2017. Employers are saying there is no housing for employees, comments made that we want to remain a village. The chair asked PCh if her actions were supportive of the parish and her response was that she was standing up for Bottesford.

SL raised the issue of why we had increased in numbers of houses 40% of total for Primary Rural Centres while Waltham on the Wolds with no flood problems had only 11%. PCh said it was because there are no facilities. The chair said that if we are seen to be required to take more of our share we will object. The argument put forward that you need more houses to keep the economy vibrant was countered by the fact that shops had reduced as the village grew.

A team was identified to produce a response from the NP Steering Group with the first draft to the January meeting RC, SL, RL and RS were nominated. We would aim for two drafts before submitting it to the Parish Council. This would be carried out before work started on the Neighbourhood Plan.

## **9. Writing the Bottesford Neighbourhood Plan**

This will commence after the results are known from the Questionnaire and the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>

December. Writing the Plan will start in 2016.

The plan would use other NPs as a guide and the authors were identified as RL, SL, ANe and RC.

#### **10. Correcting the Environment Agencies Flood Map**

A meeting is to be held with the EA in order to seek answers to our numerous queries that relate to flooding and correcting the map.

Do insurers have different sources of information, ask EA, RCC and MBC. The PC is to be asked to add its weight to the issue if necessary.

#### **11. Review of the Timing Plan**

JP sent a copy of the timing plan which showed the process continuing until the end of 2016.

JP to be asked to present the Plan at the next Steering Group meeting.

#### **12. To note the dates for meetings in 2016, all at 7.30pm in the Old School**

Listed at the end of these minutes

#### **13. Agenda items and date of next Steering Group Meeting – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January**

Flood Presentation

Timing Plan presentation

First draft of response to Melton Local Plan Emerging Options (Draft)

#### **14. Any other business**

CL raised the issue of the gap between the 'boundary' of Barratt's Belvoir Road scheme and the existing boundaries of the houses on Belvoir Road. This was termed 'no mans land' by a Barratt representative and the drains from the retaining walls were draining into this space.

Raise issue with MBC.

The Chair wished everyone best wishes for Christmas and the new year.

#### **Confirmed dates for 2016**

All at 7.30 in the Old School

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

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