

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

7.30 p.m. Wednesday 21ST January 2015 - The Old School

Present:

Steering Group Members

Bob Bayman (BB) - Chair
Richard Simon (RS) - Clerk
Carl Afonso (CA)
Colin Love (CL)
Susan Love (SL)
Emma Murphy (EM)
Jean Reavley (JR)
Richard Coombs (RC)
Cob George (CG)

Helpers

Anne Ablewhite (AA)
Will Tobin (WT) – Will's father John Tobin was in the room but not participating.
Alan Gough (AG)
Karen Gough (KG)
Andy Norris (ANo)
Annie Newman (ANe)
Bob Lockey (RL)
Neil Fortey (NF)
Barry Priestley (BP)
Mike Roberts (MR)
James Goodson (JG)
Don Pritchett (DP)
Leigh Donger (LD)
Chris Greasley (CG)

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Apologies for absence

David Wright, Maria Pride, Nicola Young, John Preston, Val Lever, Peter Darlow and Neville Spick. Pru Chandler had advised that she would be late.

3. To confirm and agree minutes of the meeting 17th December 2014

Agreed apart from a query by CL to AA re 6c asking 'who sent documents in'

4. Matters arising and actions from those minutes

None

5. Parish Council update and Budget Report including

a. Neighbourhood Plan Committee Meeting

Committee met and was successful, Heather Stokes was proposed and seconded as chair, DD

took the minutes.

The Budget for 2014/5 was approved and that for 2015/6 was proposed. MBC Issues and Options comments from PC added to SG response. Main alteration was that it was felt too early in the process to decide between big or small developments. Changes were ratified by the PC at the Extraordinary Meeting on the 12th January and the combined response was submitted successfully to MBC.

CL thanked the Chair on behalf of the SG for his efforts in compiling the response. The Chair felt that the necessary diversion on the I&O response had put the NP program back by two weeks.

b. Parish Council Meeting

The Chair reported that following the successful Stakeholder engagement all the identified Themes were progressing except for Facilities and services and the Chair was progressing this initially.

It was confirmed with the PC that we are to start with DC/CABE and agreed to the £9.9K spend Developers event went well and a Landowners event was being planned.

CL raised the issue of whether we were certain that all relevant landowners were known and would be invited so as to avoid later criticism of lack of openness. Could we advertise that we were asking landowners to speak. The Chair replied that notification was wide and it would not be the last opportunity.

6. Advisors Reports

a. RCC report

RS read out the RCC report dated 21st January 2015 and the paper will be circulated with these minutes

b. Melton BC report – Local Plan, East Midlands Rural Housing

There were 300 responses to the Issues and Options Document, a high proportion (28%) of responders answered all of the questions.

SL reported on the reference group held the previous Monday (report circulated to all SG members on the 21st January).

There is more support necessary at the Reference Group to represent Bottesford Parish, only 2 at the Monday meeting, there is a further meeting on Thursday. Chair said that we needed more reps on the reference groups.

MBC was pleased with the 4th February meeting at Melton. Preferred Options Draft Plan response looking at Questions 11,12 and 13 about villages.

LF commented that it was important to reduce travel.

Villages were split into 4 groups on a points system based on the facilities enjoyed by that village. Bottesford was put in the highest scoring group as a Primary Rural Service Centre and a clear target for development along with Asfordby, Waltham and Long Clawson. Easthorpe was in group 3 and Muston and Normanton in Group 4.

A number of questions were asked about the validity of the system. SL challenged the points system, where for example 5 points were awarded if there was a railway station but at Bottesford not all trains stop. BB said we are a Primary Centre whichever way it is considered. RL questioned the issue of the available facilities being there but weren't they fully stretched. It was also a factor as to which towns supported which surrounding communities. RL asked where will it lead.

Mr Gilij (Barratts) was at the meeting and seemed to like the points system, it was suggested that

fact was sufficient for us not to like the system.

Consider Threats and Opportunities for each location. The 70/30 split was rejected so 60/40 will be the likely outcome with most of the Rural development at the 4 centres.

BB said he had put development at Grantham, Newark as better.

Building at Bottesford would not help Melton.

DP said that traffic in Melton was only busy for a short while and development at Asfordby would be sensible.

BB said that the Midlands Rural Housing analysis would enable a bottom up approach to housing.

CL said that there was a shortage of employees in Melton, allow more people of working age to fill jobs and provide staff for high Tech industries. Move jobs to Bottesford or move people to fill jobs. BB encouraged people to go to the reference group

MBC have approached the PC to do an Employment Land Study in the area to see if needs are met or whether there is surplus land and PC had asked the SG for assistance. CG, RC, ANo.

7. Bringing together the work of the Theme Groups

a. Progress to date and next steps

The Chair outlined progress to date

b. History and Heritage

Neil Fortey said heritage is what people find important and interesting about the villages. We need proper ownership of our heritage. Market place area should be developed as the centre of the village.

Chair commented that Hamilton Baillie supported the idea but there was concern over traffic in Market Street, Normanton Lane and Grantham Road. CL suggested relocating the Industrial Estate pursuing the idea of thinking big at this stage.

The Chair asked for responses to Neil's document

Our roads 'an accident waiting to happen'

Chair commented that Hamilton Baillie had changed our thoughts on slowing traffic.

ANe said that in the youth consultation children mentioned road crossing places.

Transport group asked to put a brief together for BHB including comments from the West Bridgeford man who had reported before.

EM suggested that the cross be looked at with the BHB survey.

c. Communications

Communications group met today (JG and LD only)

Initial findings No 3G/4G network and sporadic coverage for other systems.

PC Facebook page is good

Twitter is not felt to be effective.

Noticeboards good, Village Voice-Excellent.

More internet capability necessary : computer rental at school/library for young and old.

AG questioned the NP Facebook and whether it could be kept separate from the Parish Council so the distinction is not blurred in the eyes of the villagers, we need their interest and feedback..

Bottesford News app on IPHones suggested, but who would load it, CA suggested a website rather than Facebook. There was a lot of discussion over the merits of different approaches.

d. Facilities and Services

Chair to report at next meeting

PCh stated that the Melton bus now goes via a longer route via Long Clawson, Old Dalby and Asfordby which could take an extra 25 minutes to get to Melton.

Chair stated that we need a strategy for transport, as it is a big issue for many in the Parish, and identify solutions which means identifying exactly what is the problem.

PCh said that on Tuesdays the bus is full but other days it is poorly used. Many in the Parish need the bus to get to our main county town but it is a case of use it or lose it.

Chair asked whether the PC or County can part fund service. PCh mentioned that town services are subsidized to encourage people to leave their cars at home.

AA mentioned that the PC are promoting walking in the village and not using the car.

8. Priorities for the next 3 months

a. Appointment of Consultants: CABA and Hamilton Baillie

CABA will be guiding us up to May, Hamilton Baillie will not be available until near the end of the fiscal year.

b. Sustrans update

RS stated that he had been advised that the bridge and associated works had not yet been funded. SL said that now was the time for proper consultation with Muston residents. We need to get their views. Discussion occurred about the purpose of the link and that it was not for Muston residents but part of a national cycle, etc. route.

Concern was expressed as to whether Gwyneth got the correct impression and MR and LD were requested to contact her and ask if we can be engaged in the development and bridge design.

JG mentioned how much land would be required for junctions if the A52 was dualled.

9. Next month's requests of PC

a. Statement of accounts for Neighbourhood Plan

Nothing received to date, ask PC again.

10. Any other business

Bottesford Football club was developing a clubhouse scheme on the Nottingham Road football fields, contacts Danny Gribby and Nick Dobney (proposal details circulated)

We need to hear about policing in the Vale and proposed cuts.

We heard that the Police would be sharing cars and there would be lower numbers of Police and PSOs. There was also a mention of moving the Police Office from Bottesford. Chair said we need to voice our concerns to the Parish Council and get their support. AA said that the Police are invited every month to the PC meetings but too busy to attend. It was proposed that we ask ML.

11. Agenda items for next meeting

a. Land owners presentation.

b. Bottesford Football club presentation

12. Date of next Steering Group meeting. – Tuesday 24th February 2015

Note this will be preceded by the CABA Workshop and will be held in the V C Hall starting at 6pm

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