

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes from an informal meeting of Battle Civil Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, held Tuesday 28th May 2019 at Patches, Telham Lane, Telham, 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Allan Russell (ARu), Bev Marks (BM), Cate Sullivan (CS), Cllr Dale Wheeler (DW), Margaret Howell (MH), Russell Hidden (RH), Sue Best (SB)

Apologies: Cllr Andrew Brown (ABr), Paul Whymark (PW)

1. The minutes of the last formal meeting of 8th May will be adopted at the next meeting on 12th June
2. Correspondence not covered on the agenda
 - a. Park Lane email asking to be on the list of preferred sites and debunking Poultry Farm proposal. Para 9 & 11 – Agreed that only the North section of NE06 White House Poultry Farm is suitable for development. The AECOM report states that the Southern section is unsuitable for development, and it contains existing industrial buildings which should not be removed.
 - b. Cherry Tree allotments BANS117 BTC Car park - The group will contact the developers and await their revised plans
 - c. Chain Lane (Stiles letter) - Need written clarification before any decisions can be made
 - d. Wealden email – No action required
 - e. Donna's correspondence today with RDC planning – Agree that Donna Moles should reply, as she has already offered to do so. We should highlight to her the challenges that have been faced by the group such as changes in chairmanship, members, and consultants. Also that the housing numbers in Battle are far greater than in the other villages that were discussed on the planning emails
3. Feedback forms – Agreed not to examine any of the feedback today
4. Negative Response – Quick analysis of the feedback forms done immediately after the consultation revealed that some members of the public are not happy about Blackfriars site, however the steering group have no influence over this site, and that fact appears not to be understood by some.
5. Misunderstanding of NP – Also apparent from quick analysis of early feedback forms was that the public expect the steering group to provide infrastructure, schooling, health centres, etc, and these things are not part of the Neighbourhood Plan. Perhaps now is the time to encourage public support by finding out exact figures for CIL money. To help reach a wider audience, a Facebook page has been set up for the Neighbourhood Plan, which currently has 75 followers
6. Netherfield Issues
 - a. Park Lane – The development east of the school was dismissed by the planning department. No further discussion needed
 - b. Leaflet drop to residents in Darvel Down – Leaflets have been circulated in some areas of Netherfield which contain incorrect and misleading information. It was noted that Paul Whymark has a contact in Netherfield who may be able to help identify where the leaflets originated, discover where they were circulated, and put out something to correct the mis-information.

- c. Poultry Farm – Already discussed (point 2a)
 - d. The group suggested a separate presentation to Netherfield after Paul has been in touch with his contact
7. Donna's progress re timescale. The group will ask DM for an update
 8. Meeting with MP 12 July – attendees bring his attention to RDC unhelpful attitude (see 1 e above). This will be local, and any of the steering group could attend
 9. Declaration of Interest, including but not limited to Local Green Spaces, Strategic Gap, Neighbouring sites, and the recent complaint to BTC – Guidelines on Dols are not clear, the group will seek advice from Donna Moles
 10. Site owners who have submitted sites but who do not have access to the land. At least one site has been found to be developable, but there is no access to the site. No further action can be taken by the steering group, that site(s) can no longer be part of the plan
 11. Meeting with developers – Some developers did not attend. The group will contact them again
 12. NP presentation to new councillors – A useful presentation to four new members of BTC was made by AR
 13. Archive update DW, CS & BM – Some archive material has now been found, and will need to be more closely examined. Maurice Holmes and BM will supply electronic copies of their archives which relate to BCPNP. If necessary, the paper archive held by DW will be examined by DW and CS