

**Minutes of the meeting of the BATTLE CIVIL PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (BCPNP) STEERING GROUP.
Meeting held Tuesday, 25 February 2020 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.05 p.m**

In attendance: Cllr Allan Russell (AR), Cllr Andrew Brown (AB), Sue Best (SB), Cate Sullivan (CS), Paul Whymark (PW), Cllr Dale Wheeler (DW), Bev Marks (BM), Jane de Garston (minutes, JdG)

- 1. Apologies:** Margaret Howell
- 2. Disclosure of Interest:** CS for Loose Farm.
- 3. Minutes from the meeting of 8th January were agreed**
- 4. Matters arising – None**
- 5. Netherfield meeting feedback –** 3 members of the steering group attended the meeting to listen to concerns being raised. PW thanked M Holmes for convening the meeting.
- 6. Local Heritage Listing –**

AR requested the group agree the sites agreed by the Heritage Charter Working Group which will be taken to ER&TD Committee meeting next week.

Members agreed to support the list but with the following amendments and recommendations:

A) BLL48 (Glengorse). Members did not agree with listing the whole site as an entity as the inclusion of the upper (north) playing field ran contrary to its listing (BA31a) as the first preference site for development after Blackfriars. The upper playing field is not in view from the principal building, Telham Court, as it is screened by trees on the right hand side of the driveway as you make an approach and does not contribute to openness with contribution to wider aspect and prospect as much as other parts of the estate.

The NPSG have reviewed their scoring for Glengorse and examined the impact on the heritage criteria viewed in light of the Heritage Charter Group recommendations. Although this lowers the score it remains the first preference for development after Blackfriars.

It was agreed that we request that the listing of BLL48(e) is amended to exclude the upper playing field so that there is no contradiction in the policies being proposed by the Heritage Charter Working Group and that already adopted by BTC.

B) BLL200 Coronation Gardens and Marley Rise and BLL201 Wellington Gardens- The SG does not oppose the inclusion of these estates and there is no conflict with the site allocation and the Neighbourhood Plan but they do have the following concerns:

 - i) These estates have a mix of low cost private and social ownership. The owners of these properties would not have anticipated that they were likely candidates for local heritage listing. The owners could be exposed to increased costs for some planning applications.
 - ii) There is a great variability in the age and modernisation of dwellings. Not all seem to have been built in the dates specified for Coronation Gardens and Marley Rise. The eastern section of Coronation Gardens appears to have been built at later date and comprises of buildings made up of apartments or maisonettes. This section of Coronation Gardens appears to have little architectural merit.
 - iii) In both estates many dwellings have pvc replacement windows and extensions. Few remain unaltered. The SG consider that a more selective approach with segments of the estate or individual exemplar buildings being listed.
 - iv) To be considered for listing against contemporary criteria between the wars buildings should, we contend, be required to display a higher degree of architectural interest, evidence of innovative construction or plan, or strong historical interest, none of which is the case on the Wellington Gardens

estate. The C20 date also requires that significantly increased selectivity is applied because of the large number of buildings that were built during this period, and which survive.

It may be more appropriate to list the townscape and list buildings that strongly contribute to a view with valued open spaces, and grass verges.

Action: AR to prepare a briefing statement for members attending the ER&TD meeting. BM & AB will attend.

7. Review draft timeline presented by Donna

Members agreed the timeline is as discussed at the meeting with DM on 19th February. A copy will be shared with Town Clerk to ensure agenda items required for consideration by Full Council would be available.

Members agreed who would be responsible for collecting each of the feedback boxes after the consultation closes on Sunday;

Netherfield – CS & SB as the store closes at 12pm

BMH – CS & AB will collect Monday at 10am (box will be removed from display on Friday afternoon)

Library – DW & AR will collect Tuesday when it opens (box will be removed from display Saturday afternoon)

Black Horse – CS & DW will collect 5pm on Sunday at close of consultation

Almonry – will be sorted on Monday. Box will be removed from display Friday when the office closes.

8. First review of feedback – Due to length of agenda this review will be started next week

- a) Netherfield Arms have responded advising they do not want ACV status. Members agreed to support the request which will be made and decided upon by BTC.
- b) Battle Baptist Church had also raised a request for further information – PW declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussions. AR has contacted DM for information to be able to respond to their enquiry. This will be discussed again once DM response is received.
- c) The following dates were agreed for feedback analysis:
 - 18:00 Wednesday 4 March
 - 18:00 Wednesday 11 MarchBoth meetings in Almonry. **Action:** JdG to check availability.

9. Confirmation of any changes to current documents - Some changes have been made to the feedback form but no other documents have been amended.

10. Correspondence – Any correspondence received will be considered a response to the consultation. A response will be sent to this effect.

- a) Email from MH – a response will be sent advising that his responses will be included in the consultation.

11. Confidential items – none

12. Any Other Business

AR to enquire if a formal invitation is required by ER&TD for them to attend next week's meeting.

- a) Clare Tester, from High Weald, will be invited to meet to discuss the matters she raised regarding Cherry Gardens site. PW to respond.

The meeting finished at 9.15pm