

**Minutes of the BATTLE CIVIL PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (BCPNP) STEERING GROUP**  
**Meeting held on Wednesday, 23rd October 2019 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.15 p.m.**

**In attendance:** Margaret Howell (MH), Bev Marks (BM), Andrew Brown (AB), Cllr Dale Wheeler (DW), Cllr Allan Russell (AR), Sue Best (SB), Cate Sullivan (CS), Cllr Glenna Favell (GF), Jane de Garston (JdG, minutes)

1. **Apologies** – Paul Whymark, District Cllr K Field, District Cllr V Cook
2. **Disclosure of Interest** – CS for Loose Farm; BM & AR for Kingsmead. All members declared an interest in item 10.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting of 10 October 2019 were agreed.**
4. **Matters arising** –  
AB reported he has not met with PW to discuss the community aspirations document. **Action: AB to contact PW and arrange.**

Members have noted there are further acronyms which require recording in the glossary. Members agreed the glossary should be at the beginning of the documents and not in the final pages.

AR reported RDC cannot confirm how long maps will take until they have our requests.

AR gave an update on the Heritage listing for non dwellings. Members agreed the following;

- Chain Lane
- Hammer Ponds – Beechmill
- Drovers Track – Ashes Wood
- Tank Traps – St Marys
- Electricity sub station - Lower Lake

To be added:

- Drovers track – Wadhurst Lane
- Drovers path – Near Little Park Farm. BM to send map detail to AR

**5. Regulation 14**

MH reported the SEA & Regulation 14 document have many similarities but there are errors in each document to be corrected (not necessarily the same errors in both documents). Members agreed the Regulation 14 document should inform the SEA for consistency.

AB will compile his final amendments. AB & MH to meet tomorrow to check all amendments are sent to DM. other members invited to attend.

Members agreed to request the documents submitted to Full Council are a confidential item until approved. Steering Group will agree who will make representation to Council meeting.

Due to the time scales required to allow BTC Councillors to review documents the request for BTC approval will be moved to next Full Council meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> November.

Members assume items still marked as 'text required' are for DM to complete.

With regard to advertising the Regulation 14 public consultation members agreed to submit to Rother Alerts and make a submission for the next Battle Newsletter due out in December.

AB suggested using a Royal Mail door to door service. **Action:** JdG to obtain prices and deadlines.

6. **SEA** – covered in item 5

7. **Heritage listings per forwarded email from Stephen Hardy (SH)**- SH involved with Robertsbridge Plan and advised ancient footways should be included in Heritage Listing.

Members agreed this can be difficult as current planning conditions may not have taken account of these routes. CPRE seeks to protect these on planning applications received.

AR to cross reference with drovers tracks already identified and send to RDC

8. **Netherfield** – members were split on whether a presentation was required at Netherfield ahead of the public consultation. A BCPNPSG member could attend the next Netherfield Councillors Q&A session if dates are appropriate. **Action:** Enquire of Netherfield Councillors of next date and ask if would like a member of the SG to attend.

9. **Report to council on 29 October** - Covered in item above 5, request to BTC postponed. Decisions as to who will attend 19 November meeting to be agreed at next BCPNPSG meeting.

10. **Confidential item** - GF provided the SG with an update on the position of the proposed meeting with Mr G. GF left the meeting thanking the group for their significant hard work on the plan.

DF complaint – letter of response from BTC sent recorded delivery this week.

MS complaint – CS still awaiting TPO information. BM suggested contacting Tim Hinkling at RDC.

## 11. **AOB.**

Frank Rallins had emailed regarding potential issues with Green Gaps as disputed by examiners on other plans. Members agreed some sites should have further evidence to support their significance - landscape photographs to be taken to present landscape quality and reference to be made to dark skies where appropriate. Sites discussed:

- Telham to Battle & view west – AR has photographs
- Battle to Netherfield – has no evidence of building pressure so may not go forward
- Battle, Catsfield, Crowhurst – Existing regulations should protect sites if not approved.
- Battle – Powdermill Lane – Already protected by policies if not approved.
- Kane Hythe Road – Existing policies and AONB protection protects site if not approved.

**Development boundary** – SB has mapped sites to RDC existing development boundaries but some proposed sites will be ‘islands’. Members agreed this is the better way to map sites to ensure areas in between proposed sites are protected. If sites are beyond the development boundary but already have planning permission they do not need to be included.

SB to update maps and circulate.

**Mapping** – CS to compare Parish Online maps used to send to proposed development land owners with magic maps to ensure all boundaries match. Will forward to BM when checked.

BM suggested SG member(s) sit with RDC for mapping onto GIS in case of any queries. Members agreed.

**JdG hours** – members agreed to pay for JdG hours from this meeting onwards due to negative impact on her BTC working hours.

## **Correspondence** –

MH advised all email corres is up to date.

CS advised she is still preparing significant land owner listing.

**Green spaces** - BM reported this has been cross checked and more detail provided for some sites. Some sites removed due to not meeting public access requirement. Members approved this document. BM to send to DM as complete.

**12. Date and time of next meeting** – MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> November, 6pm at Patches, Telham

Meeting concluded at 9.45p.m.