

Minutes of Border Group Parishes Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

Wednesday 19th April 2017 at 7.30 pm

Lingen Village Hall

Those Present

Parish Councillors

Philip Barnett, Maggie Brown, Stephen Chilman, Tom Dixon, John Walker, Simon Whiteman.

Others present

Bill Bloxsome, Tom Dixon, Carole Gandy, Clive Gurney, Chris Jack, Jackie Morris, Tony Swainson, Joe Thomas, John Walker, Glyn Williams, plus one other member of the public.

The Steering Group

Philip Barnett, Sally Barnett, Stephen Chilman (Chair), Tom Dixon, Clive Gurney, Chris Jack, Ian Morris, Jackie Morris, Philip Morris, Natalie Morton, Robert Nisbet, Richard Ruell, Tony Swainson (Secretary), Harley Thomas, Joe Thomas, John Walker, Simon Whiteman, Glyn Williams, Bruce Williamson, Moira Williamson.

Minutes

Welcome.

Stephen Chilman (Chairman) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies

Mike Oliver, Harley Thomas.

Conflicts of interest

Joe Thomas and Glyn Williams declared an interest.

Minutes of the last meeting

Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting of 6 December 2016 was. Proposed by John Walker and seconded by Simon Whiteman.

Representations – Key Housing Issues

The Chairman introduced Bill Bloxsome who gave a presentation on the key housing issues and related representations received on the September 2016 Draft Plan.

The current housing requirement in the Plan was summarised with a breakdown of the distribution of proposed new dwellings in Adforton, Brampton Bryan, Lingen and Walford, Letton and Newton. A copy of the presentation will be posted on the Border Group Parish Council website, www.bordergroup-pc.org and the Lingen website, www.lingen.org.uk.

Walford Plan Objections

Walford residents have expressed much concern over the flooding situation in their area and the possible effect of development on flooding severity. Lack of services and facilities, the level of development, highway safety and other issues were mentioned.

The Way Forward

If Walford were removed from the equation The Chairman thinks extra sites in Adforton and Lingen would need to be found. It was agreed that we would look again at the opportunities provided by the current sites and consult the owners and the immediate neighbours where appropriate. Bill Bloxsome does not think the Lingen Nursery site could be enlarged

Regarding the meeting of housing requirements Bill Bloxsome stressed that sites have to be developable and have to be deliverable.

County Councillor Carole Gandy suggested that the possibility of creating an initial plan for reduced development which could be revisited at a future date, say 2025 when more development opportunities should be available.

Parish Councillor Maggie Brown suggested that Sam Banks of Herefordshire County Council should be consulted and the problem explained to her.

The Chairman thanked all those who had attended.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Next Steering Group Meeting

Tuesday 6th June 2017 at 7.00 pm in Lingen Village Hall