

Minutes of Border Group Parishes Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

Wednesday 11th October 2017 at 7.00 pm

Lingen Village Hall

Those Present

Parish Councillors

Philip Barnett, Maggie Brown, Stephen Chilman, Tom Dixon, Clive Gurney, John Walker.

Others present

Bill Bloxsome, Lucy Clothier, Carole Dixon, Phil Eades, Carole Gandy, Henrietta Hodginson, Chris Jack, Jenny Maxwell, Maureen Robinson (Parish Clerk), Tony Swainson, David Thame, Joe Thomas, Ian Urry, John Walker, Glyn Williams.

The Steering Group

Philip Barnett, Sally Barnett, Stephen Chilman (Chair), Tom Dixon, Clive Gurney, Chris Jack, Ian Morris, Jackie Morris, Philip Morris, 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 and introduced County Councillor Carole Gandy and Data Orchard Consultant Bill Bloxsome.

Apologies.

Harley Thomas, Simon Whiteman, Moira Williamson.

Conflicts of interest.

No conflicts of interest were declared.

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting of 1 August 2017 were accepted as a true record. Proposer John Walker, Seconder Philip Barnett.

The Chairman's Report.

The Chairman gave a brief overview of the situation and handed over to Bill Bloxsome who presented an updated version of the plan which had been circulated to the Steering Group prior to the meeting.

A Schedule of Representations in Response to the Revised Draft Plan, dated April 2017 had also been circulated to the Steering Group for discussion at this meeting. For completeness the Schedule of Representations from the previous Draft Plan dated June 2016 was also circulated. Character Assessments have been produced for Lingen Conservation area, Adforton, Brampton Bryan and Walford by David Thame, Harley Thomas and other contributors who were all thanked for their hard work.

General Discussion

Bill Bloxsome said that as the character assessments and other additions have been made the layout and paragraph numbering will need some adjustment after the meeting.

David Thame suggested that two of the characteristics associated with Adforton and Brampton Bryan which make allocation for development very difficult should be pointed out in The Plan. In Brampton Bryan it is tenure and in Adforton it is topography. As development should not be permitted outside the Settlement Boundary David Thame suggested that land outside the Settlement Boundary should be regarded as “Open Countryside”

It was agreed that in Policy BG 17 the clause on wind energy should remain.

Policy BG 19 covers flooding. Tom Dixon mentioned that he is trying to get an independent drainage report and it was pointed out in the discussion that it would have to be peer reviewed if it was to carry any weight.

Bill Bloxsome pointed out that any building or conversions must not exacerbate flooding and green-field flow must be maintained. David Thame pointed out that development in Walford is in the Core Strategy which cannot be changed.

David Thame suggested that light pollution was more troubling to residents in villages, where there is no street lighting, than in towns where it is generally accepted.

Lucy Clothier reminded residents of the potential dangers of natural radon gas in the area.

Policy BG23: Lingen Conservation Area states that “Buildings are immensely varied” this is misleading and the wording should be changed.

The Lingen Policies map which shows important views was thought to be a good idea which should be extended with numbered views.

A vote was taken by the Steering Group to send the Plan with the agreed amendments to the Border Group Parish Council. Seven members were in favour with one against.

Funding of the NDP

The Chairman said that an application form for further funding is with the Parish Clerk.

The Chairman thanked all those who had attended and reminded us all that work on The Plan had started almost exactly four years ago. Steve Chilman and Bill Bloxsome were thanked for all their hard work in getting us to this stage.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm