

**Barrowden and Wakerley
Neighbourhood Plan Meeting
Wednesday 14th September 2016 7.30 pm
at The Village Hall, Barrowden**

Present: David Allan, Gordon Brown, Mike Griffiths, Richard Littlejohns, Jean Mitchell, Alison Last (facilitator), Stephen Last, Colin Dunigan Rut CC Neighbourhood Planner, and Chris Emmett.

1. Apologies: Chris Barrett, Sara Barrett, Trina Griffiths, John Haddon and Diana MacDuff.

AL welcomed everyone and before commencing the agenda welcomed Chris Emmett as the Chair designate for the NPG .

There was a brief discussion by the Group leading to a proposal that a minor amendment to the Group's Terms of Reference would be appropriate taking into account that Chris had previous close links as a County Councillor, is on the Electoral Roll of Barrowden Church and lives in the neighbouring parish of Morcott. Proposed by MG and seconded by GB - amendment to be drafted and tabled at the next BPC Meeting by GB along with the progress report. All agreed to Chris Emmett becoming Chair of the NPG subject to the amendment being approved by BPC and WPM.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting 11th July 2016:

- circulated, read and approved by the Group. Proposed as a true record by GB and seconded by DA.

3. Matters arising from previous meeting not covered in the agenda:

- no further update on the Village Hall had been received and JH is to be asked for a formal report on progress
- CD asked about Wakerley and DA responded by saying that the development boundary needs defining and discussions regarding options to do something new are under way - involving Mike Burton as there is a view that the status quo cannot remain.
- GB commented that there was a difference between Open and Green Spaces
- call for sites by RutCC is still work in progress and the update from them would come direct to our NPG

4. Update for Anglia Water

- GB had followed up with Stewart Patience. He commented that it revolves around a call for sites re the rule of ten dwellings. This needs to be noted as Anglia Water tends to avoid commenting as there is potentially a substantial cost to be taken account of. There are four main routes of sewage pipes in Barrowden (100mm and 150mm) some of which are already overloaded. GB and SL to prepare a report on the current local situation including possible future development and send to Anglia Water. This was agreed by the Group.

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5. Discuss Questions/Needs to Colin Dunigan

a. Landscape and Character Assessments

- ongoing that Barrowden is a special place e.g. listed buildings, village greens, open spaces. Also Wakerley is a good fit with the above and both villages sit in the Welland Valley Landscape
- GB commented that a Landscape and Settlement Assessment would be of great value supporting the fifteen year old Village Design Statement and the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire (evidence bases).
- the VDS could benefit from a light touch update from an external person (locality funded). CD offered help to this project.
- the Landscape Assessment should sit alongside/be incorporated with the Character Assessment and not be stand alone. CD will send helpful sections of a report to assist.

b. Housing Needs Assessment/Status of Affordable Housing

- EB reported on her paper
- CD confirmed that assistance would be given to produce an evidence based document. RutCC requires information of what we have got and what we need going forward.
- the issue/challenge is to retain starter homes as starter homes rather than what happens is that they are sold on at market rates. Process has to be gone through but the greater need in Barrowden appears to be for starter homes rather than affordable homes.
- GB and EB to meet with James Faircliffe at RutCC to initially establish the difference between starter and affordable and establish any difference in value to the occupiers.

6. Communication with Stakeholders

- purpose is to gain understanding and evidence on this aspect.
- our first contact BHPT will be giving a presentation on the 09/11 in the village hall which will cover Barrowden and Wakerley where they have significant land and property interests. Outline agenda would cover strategic direction, care when developing, and future intentions in Barrowden and Wakerley.
- agreed that a letter should be drafted by SL setting out the purpose and suggesting a meeting to establish their plans for the future and how they may impact on the NPlan over the next five to ten years.
- the list should include village hall, church, shop, north luffenham school, g.p. surgery, Tyler's Farm, Roberts Farm, and Pridmore (land owner)
- local economy - the list should include the Pub, Pridmore's haulage, Ellis's at Wireless Hill

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7. Evidence Based Preparation

- agreed that all evidence must be in one place, a drop box with a view only facility. GB would manage the add/delete facility

8. Funding Update - invitation to tender

- JHN has been approached to assist. She has written to two companies and has endorsed that the form is very difficult to complete. AL will approach Graham Ball to seek help with the form.
- there is a need to produce an invitation to tender i.e. this is what we would like done - Review Draft Plan against the NP Questionnaire. Perhaps SB, CB, and TG could progress this assisted by GB

9. Financial Update

- nothing to report same as July 2016.

10. Any Other Business

- all members of the group are to think about the issues and options being mindful of the consultation with the Villagers. This meeting needs to be planned out and also funded.

11. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

- October may be too early for the BHPT Meeting so the date was left open but then confirmed that our next meeting would be on the 18/10/16 at the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting concluded at 9.40pm