

Neighbourhood Plan Committee

Minutes

5th November 2016 at 11.00am

Present: S Green (Chair SG), D Siswick (DS), J Newberry (JN), J Mitchell (JM), R Booth (RB), J Reeve (JR), S Varley (SV), Jim Bolland (JB), K Pettitt (Minutes KP)

Apologies: A Baldwin (AB), Paul Say (PS), Ade Webster, Kerry Dalton, Keith Pettitt,

It was agreed that the Open Meeting on Oct 8th had been a success and the attendees at 25 were acceptable. Paul Say had run the meeting well and brought out some interesting points.

Meeting Place: JB said he had arranged a meeting on Wednesday, Nov 16th with Julie Patrick and Graham White of the C.C.T. at 11.00am to discuss the use of Roecliffe Church as a meeting place. Steve Jarvis (Church Warden) and JM would accompany him. SG has been to the Camping & Caravanning Club to see if we can hold meetings in their meeting room? The on-site person said he was in favour of the idea and the out of season use would be good. When he asked his boss he said “no”. Insurance problems?

Housing JB suggested that we find out from the 50% of respondents to the Questionnaire who said more housing was needed in the village, what type of housing they would like to see and the numbers? **PS; is it possible for you to write to the 50% who responded positively to who would like to attend a meeting to discuss?** We will then try and fix a date.

SG said that apart from youngsters trying to get onto the housing ladder, new housing would be helpful for older people to down size into. For this he suggested that some alms houses near the centre of Roecliffe might be well received? But, where to put them?

Regarding land available for building we are still keen to allow building on the other side of the AIM in the field where the two arrows are. However, it was pointed out the Janet Entwistle (JE) had said that it might be difficult to get Planning with two Nationally important “arrows” in the field. No other land has been turned up in various meetings with Stakeholders apart from a single plot next to Richard Winn’s house.

The land to the north of Roecliffe Park which belongs to Turner’s Transport is empty and it is possible that in the future there might be a request to put 13 more homes there for retired people.

Traffic & Parking Our major issue and much more talking today! RB put forward suggestions where parking might be put. 1) close to Payne’s Dairies, or 2) on the Common Land on the road out to Bishop Monkton. As parking is needed for parents dropping children off at the school and for The Crown, one is too far away and the other has no footpath/easy access to The Crown.

Another suggestion was to grass crete more of the village green and allow parking at an angle to accommodate more cars. Yet another suggestion was to allow parking on the village green between Homeside Farm and The Old Chapel house, again at an angle. This land does have hard core since it used to be parking for fishermen in the old days.

Looking further ahead we might have to take a chunk of Village Green and put parking on

it!! Also as primary schools get bigger is there a chance that our village school might disappear? **KD: any views on this?**

Since school parking is one of our two major parking issues RB said the school should really look into having a Shuttle bus from Boroughbridge to the school. This has already been touched on with KD by DS and PS. Parents would have to pay for the bus, but it would cost no more than what they already pay bringing their children to school. The Parish Council could help with the costs out of the Precept. **It was suggested that another meeting be held with KD to find out where children come from to go to the school and also to reconsider a bus shuttle. DS and PS to arrange. JM said the BCC have two mini buses and maybe they can offer another option? JM to explore.** Logical pick up points would be the Back Lane car park in Boroughbridge, and/or Morrisons.

As part of the Parking issue it was decided to include the issue we have with HGVs parking overnight and the need for improved signage.

Funding for taking N.P. further forward SG said that through Locality grants of between £1000 and £9000 are available between 2015 and 2018. So far we haven't spent much but might need money to develop evidence base/ housing survey/consultants.

It was pointed out that we should all get involved by registering on the HBC Portal and then review the HBC LDF Plan and evidence base which is open for consultation from Nov 11 to Dec 23. Also find out where the local public exhibition is and attend. **JB to circulate this.** This could well direct us to the next steps we have to take.

Project Plan JN said that we are getting behind with our N.P. and by now we should be writing it up! It was agreed that the N.P. submitted by Collingham and Linton was good and that we should use that as a guide. **RB said that he would study it and set out a plan so that we could start to write up the different sections.**

Next meeting This to take place at SG's home on Saturday, December 3rd at 10.00am. At this meeting we can compare notes on the HBC LDF and decide the questions we need to ask JE? **In the meantime JB to fix a meeting with JE for a date after Dec 3rd.**