

Blewbury Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Minutes of Meeting on 13th September 2016 in the Melland Room

Present: Dermot Mathias (DM - Chair), Ian Bacon (IB), Nick Chancellor (NC), Eric Eisenhandler (EE), Lydia Inglis (LI), Helen Mathias (HM), Pat Mattimore (PM), Anne Millman (AM), John Ogden (JO).

Apologies: Richard Farrell (RF), Joe Goyder (JG), Angela Hoy (AH), Miriam Jacobs (MJ), Chris Lakeland (CL), Jo Lakeland (JL), Alex Musson (AMus), Mike Marshall (MM), Charlotte Perry (CP), Gwyn Rees (GR).

1. Drafting comments and sign off of the plan.

EE reported that he had received suggestions for minor amendments to the Plan which he had adopted. It was agreed that EE, NC and DM would finalise any changes necessary from the Examiner's advice. DM reported that it would then be up to the Vale to consider the changes made in the light of the Examiner's advice. (Eric has subsequently agreed the changes with the Vale, with great patience!)

2. Arrangements for the referendum.

DM reported:

- He had received conflicting information as to when the BNDP would be considered by the Vale's Cabinet. (He subsequently discovered that the Vale was able to consider it using a delegated power and on 19 September they approved it to go forward to a referendum. It now seems that the referendum will be in November).
- The Vale will make all the necessary arrangements for the referendum including preparing a brief summary of our proposals. DM advised that it was not permissible for any parish resources to be used to promote a yes vote. Should it be considered necessary to organise a pamphlet drop, the wording would have to be agreed with the Vale and RF suggested that a sub-group of non-parish council members such as 'Friends of the BNDP' could be set up to do this. (The rules for the referendum are attached. The Vale is considering its own interpretation of these rules at present and will give us further guidance next week.)
- He would follow up with Brian Duckett on revising the maps in the HDA report following the comments received from Peter Saunders. (DM subsequently spoke to Brian. It turns out that he had been writing to Brian at an old email address which he no longer uses! Brian is now reviewing the maps.)

3. Celebratory party.

- Possible venues were discussed and it was agreed that the Manor Barn would be an ideal location. **DM** to contact Mark Blythe. It was estimated that between 40 and 50 people would attend. We do not wish to use any of our grant funds for this purpose and attendees will be asked to provide an item of food or bottle.

4. Draft Neighbourhood Planning Bill.

LI reported that this was under consultation and that the PC wished to respond. It was agreed that members of the BNDP steering group should comment on the LI's draft response.

5. Finances.

DM reported that approximately £4,000 of funding received had not been used. It was agreed that a further payment should be made to:

- HDA in line with our earlier agreement to cover a proportion of their cost overrun in relation to the landscape survey. (AM requested that we ask for clarification of the number of hours spent on survey)
- Dorian Crone and Kathy Davies of £100 (**Lydia should this be each?**) in recognition of the extra work they carried out in relation to the village character assessment for which they did not charge.

It was agreed that the remainder of the money should be held by the PC for any expenditure required to support or revise the BNDP in the future.

6. Date of next meeting was not set.