

Minutes of a Meeting of the Blewbury Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

held in the Melland Room on Monday 10 March 2014

Present: Ian Bacon, Richard Farrell, Vanessa Fox, Joe Goyder, Angela Hoy, Jo Lakeland, Dermot Mathias, Andrew Maxted, Mike Marshall, Pat Mattimore, Caroline O'Connell, John Ogden, Kally Peigne, Gwyn Rees

Apologies: Nick Chancellor, Alex Musson, Katherine Macdonald, Anton Nath

1 **Minutes of the last meeting.** Accepted

2. **Aftermath of the Launch.** Very good feedback from those who attended. 130+ people attended – a good mix. Real engagement on every table, and a great deal of information gathered. 62 people attended in the afternoon. A 16-year-old said we should target her age group.

Anne Millman, a newcomer to the Village, is keen to join in: expert in carrying out research and keen to make sure we consult a true cross-section of the Village, and to analyse the feedback. NC to liaise with her please.

NC

Andrew Maxted said that in the Vale's new Local Plan, Blewbury is not regarded as a prime target for development, and that building on the AONB is not likely to be permitted. Establishing possible development sites in Blewbury may have the effect of attracting development.

3. **Website, communications.** Kally will add some of Bernard Mattimore's photos of the evening session; and add dates for our meetings going forward, second Monday of every month - everyone is welcome to attend.

KP

Report to go into the Bulletin, and on to the website. Jo L will remind Alex Elderfield to send an invoice for his work. Joe will also send in an invoice for printing the posters.

JL

JG

Database of names and contacts to be constructed from lists taken on Saturday.

DM will draft a call for volunteers to go out via the Bulletin and the website. We will need more people to help with surveys, contribute to working groups, taking questionnaires door to door etc. Christina and Brian Duckett are happy to act as sounding boards.

DM

4. **Treasurer.** John Ogden has agreed to take on this role.

The Vale has approved our application, and there will be a grant coming through in April.

5. **Subgroups.**

Housing Needs – RF agreed to head up a survey. NC and MM may also help with this. We may not need to accommodate a large development but we do need to work out what the Village actually needs. Affordable Housing

is already covered in the Local Plan. Andrew M said that community aspirations belong in a separate document, and are not part of a Neighbourhood Plan. A community-led Plan might be necessary as well, but will not be subject to the referendum. RF will talk to his contact at ORCC to establish how this should be done.

RF

Site identification and selection criteria. Are we going to go through this process? No target to go for at this stage. Should we establish which sites we do not want to see developed? What should the selection criteria be? Andrew M said that if the Local Plan had agreed a site, we would not be able to refuse the development, but our evidence could influence exactly what is built, and how. We should develop our own planning policies, on specific criteria. This needs further thought, in a separate discussion – Ducketts?, Ian B, DM, John O, Gwyn R, Caroline O, Andrew M.

IB/DM

Living in the Village. Transport, sewage, parking, etc. We need to have a solid grasp of the problems and possible solutions. Gwyn R and Joe G will lead this.

Sustainability. Mike M in charge. Strategic Environmental Assessment may be necessary to the NP. The need for it may be screened out in the process.

Communications and engagement. Kally doing website, and promoting entries in Bulletin, Angela H monitoring emails.

We need to engage inhabitants of Eastfields, Ladycroft, and Cossicle Mead, in particular.

A time-line must be developed, to work out next steps, and what events we will need to host.

IB

6. **AOB.** RF would like to know how much was spent on Saturday's event, for the Parish Council.
7. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 14 April at 7.30 pm in the Melland Room.