

Braishfield Neighbourhood Plan meeting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – 2.00pm until 3.10pm.

Committee room, Village Hall, Braishfield

#### Attendees

Mark Sennitt (“MS”)

Peter Quarendon (“PQ”)

Michael Allen (“MA”)

Mark Tydemen (“MT”)

Mark Sands (“MRS”)

Maggie Batchelor (“MB”)

#### Apologies

Brian Luff (“BL”)

1. Approval of minutes of NP meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 – approved. Approval of notes of community meeting held on 4 December 2023 – approved;
2. Review of presentation 4th December 2023:  
All who were present felt it went well, with a good turnout and lots of questions and engagement. Nonetheless, it was felt that some parts of the village were not represented (see below about future actions to engage);
3. Draft Local Plan (“LP”) update, recent publication of the draft local plan, next stages and timescales and implications for progress of the NP. Housing land supply implications. Allocation of the site at Ganger Farm and potential application at Hilliers:  
LP – the draft LP has recently been published and MS had prepared a briefing note which had been circulated in advance – PQ to add the note to the NP website. Noted the draft LP proposes some small-scale changes to the settlement boundaries within Braishfield. The draft LP appears to propose an obligation on Braishfield to add around 10 properties over the lifetime of the LP (being around 15 years). That would suggest that Braishfield will not see any changes to the settlement boundary in the near term and that the NP can now be finalised based on the recently amended settlement boundary.  
Housing land supply – changes in the wider area do not appear to have an impact on Braishfield and should meet the Test Valley land supply need, however that will depend on the timing of large developments such as Whitenap, Ganger Farm and Hilliers.  
LP is due to be finalised and submitted to the inspectorate in the summer of 2025.

4. NP web-site re briefing notes and Q and A:  
PQ to add notes of meeting on 4 December to the NP website.  
MRS to draft a Q&A for the group to review and finalise before adding to the NP website.
5. Future work and timetable for drafting NP. We need to think how we structure the NP and what we are trying to achieve:  
Noted that once approved the target audience in the planning authority and developers however during the approval process the local community need to be engaged and they will have the final say on the approval of the NP.  
Volunteers identified during the survey – consider approaching them once we have identified the policies to be written and the other work needing to be done. PQ to send an update to each assuring them that we will be in touch to ask for their help shortly.  
Chapter headings – not prescribed and can follow the approach used in other NPs or come up with our own but we need to create our own content to reflect the issues faced by Braishfield. So it was agreed to write the content and policies then create headings which create the best structure.  
MS to prepare a draft list of policies to be drafted and circulate it to the group.
6. Grant funding and potential consultant input:  
Consider the need for expert input from external consultants. Need to obtain quotes to obtain funding before the work can be done. MS – may need a landscape consultant to assist with defining and justifying the open spaces the NP proposes to protect.
7. AOB:  
Businesses – PQ noted that other NPs have a section on businesses, noted that a number of homes in the Braishfield survey said had someone works at home, and questioned what more we can ask of local businesses to ensure their views are taken into account. Ask TVBC if we can have a list of business rates payers in Braishfield. Also all to list which businesses we each know of in Braishfield and collate them. Then approach them to see if they would like to complete a survey (if they have not done so already) or provide any other input.  
Housing needs survey – previously recommended to the PC that there was no benefit to the NP process in asking for a Housing Needs Survey. All agreed not to change the group's position on that.
8. Date of next meeting: Monday 19 February 2024 in the Committee Room at The Village Hall starting at 14.00.