

Braishfield Neighbourhood Plan meeting 19th February 2024 – 2.00pm until 15.15

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 15th January 2024 – approved;

2. TVBC Housing Land Supply update:

TVBC have recently announced a Housing Land Supply (“HLS”) of 7 years, against a target of 5 years. Noted that developers have previously stated that the HLS figure is c2.5 years – they may choose to argue that point at appeal over the next 18 months or so. In any event the TVBC statement of 7 years HLS provides Braishfield with protection from speculative planning applications which do not meet existing planning criteria;

3. NP web-site - briefing notes and Q and A:

The proposed document will be a living document to be updated on a regular basis, including for example the above about HLS. MRS circulated a first draft for members to comment on please;

4. Discussion re draft NP policies:

MS had circulated a list of draft policies for discussion.

Landscape character – MS to seek quote re landscape appraisal to assess quality and sensitivity of open spaces.

Housing mix – discussion re small dwellings policy – agreed to focus on such a policy for schemes of three dwellings or more

Design - need to build on the Village Design Statement so seek to use consistent language in the NP.

MS to progress the drafting of the policies for consideration by the next meeting.

MS proposed that we then all work together on each chapter one chapter at a time, rather than allocating a chapter to one or more steering group members. Consider inviting one or more volunteers for each chapter meeting. Landscape, housing need and design perhaps to be prioritised as they appear to be the most important;

5. Discussion re draft structure of the NP:

Input from reviews of other NPs – Houghton was positively commented upon, MA was less keen on Goodworth Clatford as it looks as if provides more detailed than may be needed;

6. Grant funding and potential consultant input:

Landscape consultant (contact of MS) has worked on NPs for other communities. MS has informally consulted him about how we can present areas which need protecting from development. A Landscape Consultant could help us to present those thoughts and reasons. MS to check the process for seeking funding. In due course will need a number of the approved NP to be printed;

7. AOB:

MS is meeting the Parish Council on 4 March to answer questions on the Local Plan;

Businesses, engagement with – MB has started on a list of businesses in the Parish. All to consider how best to come up with a definitive list of businesses. MS to ask Sarah at TVBC;

8. Date of next meeting:

Monday 18 March 2024 at 14.00 at the Committee Room at The Village Hall (PQ to please book).