

Braishfield Neighbourhood Plan meeting

Held at The Church Rooms, Braishfield on 16th June 2026 from 3.00pm for 45 minutes

Attendees:

Mark Sennitt ("MS")

Peter Quarendon ("PQ")

Michael Allen ("MA")

Mark Sands ("MRS")

Maggie Batchelor ("MB")

Brian Luff ("BL")

1. Approval of minutes of the meeting held on 30th April 2026:

Approved.

Actions – Campaign for the Protection of Rural England – BL has investigated and has found no policies or guidance of assistance to the Neighbourhood Plan working group.

2. Housing Needs Survey update:

Draft had been circulated to the members of the group and the outcome was discussed;

There appears to be a contrast between statistical number of respondents in favour of larger developments and free form comments which were mostly against larger developments;

7 respondents showed an interest in new properties in Braishfield – and their comments show a range of needs in terms of size of property sought.

3. Local plan update:

MS has asked Test Valley Borough Council for an update as various sites have been removed by landowners since the draft plan was published for consultation. Appears they are moving to Reg 19, the next stage, and not repeating the Reg 18 process which took place last year, which may limit the opportunity for additional sites to be added to the draft local plan.

4. NP update:

MS met with the Parish Council yesterday who asked about timings for the completion of the NP – MS will update them based on the following.

MS aims to get a draft to BL in a few weeks for BL to review for consistency and then circulate to this group. The aim is to have a working draft by the end of July 2026. Once the working party has agreed:

1. A draft will be considered by the Parish Council;
2. Six week consultation with local residents;
3. Submit to the planning inspectorate (based in Bristol) for comments;
4. Referendum held;

5. Six weeks period in which an application can be made for a Judicial Review;
6. After which the NP is treated as adopted and comes into force.

In Houghton the above process took around nine months.

MS to check what needs to be circulated at stages 2 and 4 above. The NP will need to be formatted both for print and web versions.

5. AOB:
Bargate scheme to go to planning committee on 30th June 2026.
6. Date of next meeting:
Thursday 6 August at 3pm at the Church Rooms, Braishfield (PQ please to book).