

Minutes No.56: Alvechurch Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting



Date: Wednesday 29 March 2017

Venue: Hopwood Community Hall 10:00 am

Present: Peter Freeman, Alan Helmore, Andy Humphries, Adrian Smith (Chair), Helen Smith (BDC), Dorothy Snaddon, Marc Worrall.

Apologies: John Cypher

1. Minutes from last meeting, Wednesday 22 February 2017:

The 22 February minutes were agreed and signed by the chairman.

2. BDC Comments on the draft Neighbourhood Plan:

Helen Smith stated that comments on the draft Neighbourhood Plan previously submitted by email to the Steering Group were made by Mike Dunphy, Rosemary Williams and herself. There were no other issues to mention at present.

The comments made by BDC were discussed at length and clarifications on various items were sought from HS.

Adrian Smith stated that he had accepted all tracked changes involving typographic errors and formatting issues made by BDC but had left the track change comments in place for review by the topic groups. AS thanked HS for making her comments so quickly.

HS stated that some of the policy aims and justifications did not match policies and needed further work.

Organisations mentioned in the NP or having a direct involvement in the policies, such as the owners of Bordesley Hall are to be contacted for comment and possible input, by each topic group.

The table headings about Local green Space have been changed by BDC to be in accordance with NPPF Paragraph 77.

HS has suggested that Education should be included in the Housing Section. After a lively discussion, it was agreed that the Education section should be removed from Topic 3 and included within the Housing Section. This will require close scrutiny of the Housing Section and may require rewording and renumbering of some of the policies.

Suggestion by AS; perhaps there should be a policy index at the beginning (signposts) of each topic section to ease navigation.

It has been suggested by BDC that Section 3 to be placed above Section 2 and the sections renumbered. This was agreed by the Steering Group.

MW stated that we now have a complete document with valuable comments from BDC, which we will broadly take on board. Some clarifications are required with respect to specific changes/comments.

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HS stated that when work on the draft NP is complete we should have a document for an informal arrangement whereby the Councils (both Bromsgrove and WCC) are given the opportunity to comment on the Neighbourhood Plan before the 'formal' pre-submission consultation takes place.

Andy Humphries requested clarification from HS as to how the next iteration of the draft NP should be submitted to BDC and WCC. HS considered that it should be sent to BDC for checking and onward transmission to WCC. Members of the Steering Group considered that it should be issued to BDC and WCC at the same time, and by APC – an informal submission with a deadline to receive comments, which could then, following any suggested amendments taking place, lead on to the pre-submission process.

The time of the proof reading by a Parishioner who has had no input to date, was discussed with disagreement between Steering Group members. It was agreed that Keith should be given a sight of the document with an indication of the Steering Group requirements soon, so that he can indicate whether he is still willing and able to carry out proof reading at a later date.

Action:

All APC members of the Steering Group

3. Date of next SG meeting – Monday 26 April, 10:00 at Hopwood Community Centre. The time may be amended if Barratt Homes wish to attend and give a short presentation of their plans for housing. AS to advise