

Minutes of Border Group Parishes Extraordinary Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

Tuesday 22nd October at 7.30 pm

Lingen Village Hall

Those Present

Parish Councillors

Maggie Brown, Stephen Chilman, Clive Gurney, John Miles, Phillip Morris, Simon Whiteman.

Others present

Chris Jack, Jackie Morris, Robert Nisbet, Tony Swainson, Harley Thomas, Joe Thomas, Glyn Williams

Apologies

Maureen Robinson, Richard Ruell, John Voysey, John Walker, Bruce Williamson, Moira Williamson.

The Steering Group

Philip Barnett, Sally Barnett, Adrian Boylan, Maggie Brown, Stephen Chilman (Chair), Clive Gurney, Brian Lewis, John Miles, Ian Morris, Jackie Morris, N. Morton, Robert Nisbet, Mike Oliver, E. Protheroe, Maureen Robinson, Richard Ruell, Tony Swainson (Secretary), Harley Thomas, John Walker, Simon Whiteman, Bruce Williamson, Moira Williamson.

Minutes

Introduction and Welcome.

Stephen Chilman (Chairman) welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that it was called primarily to discuss manning and the programme for the public meeting on October 29.

The Oct. 29 Public Meeting

Samantha Banks will lead the meeting and there will be 3 or 4 tables with maps showing parish boundaries. There will also be a map of the whole Border Group area. Samantha will bring flags and pins to use on the maps. A box will be provided for comments and “wish lists”. Comments could be anonymous. Samantha will be asked to bring a copy of the Core Strategy.

Harley and Joe Thomas volunteered to be present from 3.00 to 5.00, Clive Gurney from 4.00 -5.00, Chris Jack from 3.00 – 5.00, Robert Nisbet from 6.00, Maggie Brown for most of the time and John Miles for the whole period. Samantha Banks has indicated that she would like to leave by 7.00.

Clive Gurney read from the Herefordshire Council Guidance notes which answered all the important questions which were likely to be asked about the plan. It was agreed

that a copy should be sent to all on the Steering Group and others present so the document could be assimilated prior to the public meeting. It was stated again that we must put in as much effort as possible to engage everyone. The Chairman thanked Clive for his contribution.

John Miles tabled a summary of the Core Strategy.

The question was asked whether people could be given a week or so to make comments after the meeting.

The Plan

John Miles thought that a consultant would be needed in the final stages of the project if only to ensure that the right terminology is used. He also said that settlement boundaries would be essential to prevent “ribbon development”.

The Chairman suggested that some 7-10 houses could be provided by conversion of farmsteads. He also said that some parishes have split their Development Planning team into subgroups to consider different aspects. This was found to expedite decision making.

Harley Thomas pointed out that a Neighbourhood Development Order could be produced as a separate exercise.

Publicity

Maggie Brown agreed to ask for the meeting to be announced in the Hereford Times in “What’s on” under Lingen.

Finance

Stephen Chilman, John Miles and Maureen Robinson will meet to discuss finance. John Miles thought that £6k to 7k would be claimed eventually but that an interim payment of £1.5k would probably be required. The map of the Border Group Area costs £71.

Next Steering Group Meeting Tuesday 12th November in Lingen at 7.30

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 8.40.