

Minutes of Border Group Parishes Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

Tuesday 1st 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

Philip Barnett, Adrian Boylan., Ian Morris, Jackie Morris, Robert Nisbet, Mike Oliver, Maureen Robinson, Tony Swainson, Joe Thomas, John Walker, Bruce Williamson, Moira Williamson, E Protheroe.

Apologies

Richard Ruell, Harley Thomas.

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

Welcome

Stephen Chilman (Chairman) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The Chairman read the minutes of the last meeting which were accepted.

Vote on Continuation of Current Plan.

John Miles stated that producing three Neighbourhood Development Plans for the Border Group was not allowed by the Council and proposed a motion to continue with the current plan. All those present bar one voted to continue.

Report on Hampton Bishop Neighbourhood Plan Training Day.

Mike Oliver reported on the Training Day on 28 September.

Linda Wilcox from Herefordshire Association of Local Councils had brought in Kirkwells, an independent consultancy team from Lancashire. John Miles, Mike Oliver and Maureen Robinson from Border Group attended.

Mike Wellock introduced his team of experts on planning, Louis and Clare. About 33 students, Parish Council representatives and secretaries also attended and were asked for their main questions and points and their impressions of the Neighbourhood Plan. These were noted on a flipchart and in the course of the talks were all addressed.

Herefordshire had the most applications in England to explore the plan. Money is available from Herefordshire County Council to support the scheme.

There were opportunities to exchange views with representatives of other areas during lunch, coffee and tea breaks.

Mike Wellock was a good clear speaker who, whilst answering queries as they came up kept things moving through the agenda and by sacrificing a tea break (unanimously agreed) finished a most informative day just after the planned 1500 hours finish. (Handout packs from the day are available to view on request. These cover the main issues around NP)

Lynda Wilcox offered the thanks of all present for an enlightening day.

Discussion on the Way Forward

Mike Oliver said that the message from Hampton Bishop was that our first task should be to appoint consultants. Clive Gurney thought that we should decide what we want before considering appointing consultants and the Chairman agreed.

Jackie Morris reminded us of the objections to the plan and that we had previously agreed to inform the community to get people involved and it was agreed that this should be the starting point. The population was some 673 people spread over 320 households and these would need to have an information pack delivered either by hand or post. The information should make it clear that new houses will be built and it was thought that Maureen Robinson's "bullet points" would cover most points. Study of the Core Strategy should uncover more points. John Miles reminded us that we could not use funds from the Parish Precept to cover expenses incurred in preparing the Plan. He said that Eardisley had a grant of £7000 and Lottery funding of £10,000. Mike Oliver suggested that we should ask for £1500 to cover itemised expenses at this stage.

A public meeting will be called in October following the distribution of the information packs. The Chairman undertook to inform Samantha Banks of our decision and ask if she could attend the public meeting.

Establishment of a Working Group

A working group was formed consisting of: Stephen Chilman Maggie Brown, John Walker, Jackie Morris, Mike Oliver, Maureen Robinson and Simon Whiteman. A meeting date was agreed as Tuesday 8th October at Simon Whiteman's in Pedwardine. The group will decide on the content of the information pack for distribution.

Next Meeting Tuesday 12th November in Lingen at 7.30

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 9.00.