

Minutes of Border Group Parishes Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

Thursday 13th November 2014 at 7.30 pm

Lingen Village Hall

Those Present

Parish Councillors

Stephen Chilman, Clive Gurney, Simon Whiteman,

Others present

Philip Barnett, William Bloxsome, Chris Jack, Robert Nisbet, Tony Swainson, Harley Thomas, Glyn Williams, Moira Williamson, Bruce Williamson, Lee Wheeler (guest).

The Steering Group

Philip Barnett, Sally Barnett, Stephen Chilman (Chair), Clive Gurney, Chris Jack, John Miles, Ian Morris, Jackie Morris, Philip Morris, Natalie Morton, Robert Nisbet, Mike Oliver, E. Protheroe, Maureen Robinson, Richard Ruell, Tony Swainson (Secretary), Harley Thomas, Joe Thomas, John Walker, Simon Whiteman, Glyn Williams, Bruce Williamson, Moira Williamson.

Minutes

Introduction and Welcome.

Stephen Chilman (Chairman) welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Lee Wheeler of Festival Housing.

Apologies

John Miles, Joe Thomas, John Walker, Glyn Williams.

Conflicts of interest.

None declared.

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting on 30th October 2014 were accepted and signed by The Chairman.

Continued Discussion on Housing Development.

The Lingen group met on Saturday 8th November. The group felt that not knowing what land was on offer had helped them to focus on the task in hand.

It was decided that Turn Farm should be excluded from the settlement boundary.

Lingen will reconsider the development areas and re-draw the map. Bill Bloxsome said there was no reason why more than one settlement boundary should not be drawn.

The Lingen nursery site was not very large and probably would only take 4 or 5 properties. The group would discuss criteria for the nursery site.

Sites which have been put forward will be made known in about a week (The Chairman will liaise with Samantha Banks).

Harley Thomas's text on the character of past and future Lingen developments has been incorporated in the draft development plan.

There was some concern regarding the rumour that a landscape consultant had been employed to look at proposed sites in Lingen, Brampton Bryan and Adforton. A consultant has been seen in Lingen and was approached by a Steering Group member. There was a worry that the deliberations of the Steering Group might be undermined. Bill Bloxsome will see what he can find out about this.

It was generally agreed that designated play areas for children were not needed in a rural setting as there was plenty of scope for play in the existing open spaces.

Simon Whiteman has been in discussion with Paul Segrott, the Harley Estate Land Agent on the Brampton Bryan plan and Bill Bloxsome will be in touch with Mr. Segrott by e-mail.

The Adforton group met on Tuesday 11th November and tabled a map showing a proposed settlement boundary. Bill Bloxsome was concerned that access from the main road for any development beyond the Primitive Methodist Chapel could be problematic and that a backup should be considered.

Development Plan Progress.

The latest version of the plan had been circulated to the Steering Group before the meeting. David Thame had e-mailed to say that two key points were missing from the draft. Briefly, that all policies need to be explained and justified and that the plan needs to demonstrate how it is consistent with the principles of sustainable development. Bill Bloxsome said that these omissions would be covered in the supporting documents. The plan would be made as robust as possible.

An updated plan reflecting the latest amendments to the settlement boundaries and Harley Thomas's suggestions would be available to the Steering Group in the next few days.

Any ideas or comments on the plan: please contact The Chairman.

Public Consultation Meetings.

It is proposed that three meetings will be held, consecutively, in Adforton, Brampton Bryan and Lingen on the second, third and fourth of December at which marked-up maps and Development Plan extracts will be displayed for comment. The meetings will be advertised in local newspapers and on the BGPC and Lingen websites.

Grant Funding.

The financial situation will be discussed at the next Border Group Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 25 November.

Next Steering Group Meeting

Thursday 27 November 2014 at 7.30 pm in Lingen Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm