

Minutes of Border Group Parishes Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

Thursday 8th October 2015 at 7.00 pm

Lingen Village Hall

Those Present

Parish Councillors

Philip Barnett, Stephen Chilman, Simon Whiteman

Others present

Bill Bloxsome, Chris Jack, Tony Swainson, Harley Thomas, Moira Williamson

The Steering Group

Philip Barnett, Sally Barnett, Stephen Chilman (Chair), Clive Gurney, Chris Jack, Ian Morris, Jackie Morris, Philip Morris, Natalie Morton, 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.

Apologies

Clive Gurney, Robert Nisbet (resigned), Mike Oliver, John Walker, Glyn Williams.

Minutes of the last meeting

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

The Core Strategy

Bill Bloxsome said that the Core Strategy has been declared sound by the inspector and it is therefore likely to be adopted on the 16th of October. (Core Strategy now adopted)

NDP Public Consultation Draft

A minimum of some 36 houses will be required across the Border Group parishes excluding Coxall and Willey. The defining of settlement boundaries is preferred. Some three outstanding commitments have been identified, two barn conversions and one other building. Allowing 19% for rural windfalls leaves some 28 dwellings. Bill Bloxsome suggests that we should look for about 40, i.e. 10 per village to be on the safe side.

Maps of Adforton and Lingen were tabled by Bill Bloxsome with suggested settlement boundaries and these were modified by the Steering Group.

Adforton had previously identified some 7 spaces which they should try to increase. Walford suffers from some flooding but a boundary could probably be defined with potential for about 10 dwellings. In Lingen about 5 houses could be assumed on the Nursery site. Bill will draft some plans and circulate them by e-mail for comment.

Some three photographs are suggested for each village which should be forwarded to Bill Bloxsome.

Bill Bloxsome was asked about the question of light pollution and he agreed to look at including something to reflect the questionnaire responses. Bill also agreed that we should include a statement spelling out the advantages of having the plan to ensure that the wishes of residents are given due consideration. A statement that individual wind turbines would be supported, whereas wind farms would not, has been included.

Timescale and Organisation

We should have the plan ready by November 8 and aim for consultation (Reg. 14) in early December with a view to submit to Herefordshire Council (Reg. 15) in early March.

The plan should be made available on the Lingen and Border Group PC websites and residents should be directed to these by fliers and posted notices. Hard copies will be available for those who need them. It was suggested that Royal mail could possibly distribute fliers.

Stakeholders should be consulted, these include such organisations as Arriva Trains Wales, Welsh Water, Severn Trent Water, Western Networks, The Highways Department and Offa's Dyke (Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust).

Finance

Sufficient funds are available for immediate needs but the Parish Council have applied for some further funding.

Next Steering Group Meeting
18 November 2015 at 7.00

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm