

## **Great Bedwyn Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group Record of Meeting 11**

Tuesday 19 June 2018, 6.30 pm at Manor Farmhouse

### **Present:**

Anna Ditchburn (AD), Paul Evanson (PE), Nick Wilkinson (Chair), Helen Sheehan (HS) (Secretary)

### **Away:**

Chitra Bharucha, Andrew Hutchison, Ali Burch, Nick Gibbins, Emma Glenister, Claire Tarbox, Jenny Bowley, Charles Howell, Martin Bailey, Sue Mason

### **Item 1 – Pause in GBNDP and Memorandum of Guidance**

- NW referred to the article to be published in the July edition of the PN explaining the need for a boundary change. In sum, the only right site for development found by the WG next to the Settlement and of sufficient size to hold a mixed estate, including the right number of needed social homes, is the Bedwyn Dyke field next to Spaines and the Primary School. Because this field currently lies administratively within Little Bedwyn, it cannot be included in a GB NDP unless a boundary change has taken place. This is a long process, up to two years, therefore the GBNDPWG must pause its work for now. In the interim, NW is writing a Memorandum of Planning Guidance for WC. This will include what the GBNDPWG has established so far by consultation with the community, and will ensure that WC will have guidance from the Memorandum if any planning permission is sought in the next two years, ahead of an approved NDP being completed.

#### **Action: NW**

- NW has consulted with Charles Howell (PC), Vicky Burvill (WC) and Cleo Newcombe-Jones (Place) who are all in agreement that this plan is the most sensible course for long-term local development.
- The WG agreed that the interim planning Guidance Memorandum should be accompanied by a list of NDP-related actions which the PC should undertake meanwhile, and a timetable of review milestones for the PC to inform the community of progress, from initiating the boundary change process to re-starting the NDP work on its completion.
- The PCC and its financial supporting parishioners should meanwhile start getting the planning process into motion now, whilst the PC concentrate on the boundary change. Mick Goss hoped that an offer of some partial benefit to Little Bedwyn would encourage its PC to be more amenable to this.
- The Memorandum will have to be approved by the PC before it forwards it to WC.

### **Item 2 – Place and WC continuing support and help**

- Place Studio have a further 7.5 days' worth of NDP grant-funding work owed to the GBNDP. Cleo Newcombe-Jones has offered Place Studio help with the Memorandum, and it can also

advise PCC on planning aspects, and the PC on getting the boundary changed. Place will also assist with the consultation document which has to accompany the Memorandum.

**Action: CN-J/Place**

- Place can supply more relevant maps, for the NDP, PCC or PC.
- Vicky Burvill is approaching various relevant WC departments now and asking them to look at the field in terms of archaeology etc which might impact on the boundary change process.

**Action: VB/WC**

- AD said she too would look at the archaeology of the field and consult with Mick Goss and Gordon Stone.

**Action: AD**

- Everyone on the WG and in the Parish (as demonstrated from the NDP survey results in April 2016) agree that a mixed estate is what the village needs – this is reflected in WC and PCC policy too.
- Also agreed is that from the GBNDPWG's extensive work there is now a very clear understanding of what the Parish wants and how that can best be achieved.

### **Item 3 – Outstanding WG work**

- NW said Martin Bailey has supplied some good and helpful architectural work.
- Nick Gibbins is working on a piece on the environment to be submitted soon.

Action: NG

### **Item 4 – Local Green Spaces**

- Questionnaires were distributed to the Stores and the Post Office, asking for thoughts on selected LGS and any ideas for other suitable LGS – there has not been much interest or uptake, partly because it is one questionnaire too many for the community and partly because everyone is happy with the allocated LGS, which were also detailed in the PN.

Finally, thank you to everyone in the GBNDPWG for their invaluable advice and contributions to the NDP. However, none of this would have happened without Nick's dedication to this Parish, his belief in its successful future and the considerable amount of time and energy that he has put into the NDP thus far – thank you, Nick, from us all.