

Old Basing & Lychpit Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Meeting Notes

15th February 2023

In attendance: Councillor David Whiter (DW), Charlie Butfoy (CB), Kate Tuck (KT), Alan Renwick (AR), Murray Campbell (MC), Peter Bloyce (PB), Sheena Grassi (SG), Gillian Moore (GM), Kate Hope (KH) (Deputy Clerk).

Apologies were received from Councillor Roger Doust (RD) and Francesca Maritan (FM).

PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATIONS

A list of groups and clubs which should be consulted was circulated to those present. AR will compose a letter to each leader to advise them of the Neighbourhood Plan update and invite them to submit any comments on behalf of their groups.

AR

A promotional one-page image will be created and signed off by DW, AR and KH

DW AR KH

This image will be produced as an A5 leaflet insert for inclusion in the April Basinga (submission on 10th March – the Parish Council used to be allowed to include two inserts per year free of charge, but this would need to be confirmed as still being correct) and in a copy of the Parish Newsletter (edition to be determined).

AR

The image will be produced as A4 posters which can be distributed to local businesses (including shops, pubs) and noticeboards. It was noted that it is more cost-effective to produce many copies in the first instance, rather than re-printing several times. The exact number to produce will be ascertained by AR.

AR

The image will also be shared on the Old Basing & Lychpit People Facebook page.

KH

It was also suggested that Elspeth Lee be contacted, to request some relevant copy be submitted to the Basingstoke Gazette's Community pages.

AR GM SG

KT recommended that a posterboard be displayed at the back of the OBLEC meeting to show the same information.

AR

MC queried the aim at this stage of the process, which DW confirmed to be an invitation to the local community to get engaged with the Update process. Group representatives, and individuals, are welcome to join the Update meetings. KT suggested that the call to action is to 'contact the Clerk to express your interest'. It was agreed that no deadlines are necessary at this stage. Radio and television were not considered to be useful means of sharing the message for now.

FUNDING & EXPENDITURE

No external funding is available to the Parish Council currently (previous funding could be accessed until January 2023 and had to be spent by March 2023). Central Government is still working on a policy for future Neighbourhood Plan Updates.

The Planning & Development Committee agreed to an initial allocation of £5,000.00 of Environmental Contingency Reserves for expenditure relating to the Neighbourhood Plan Update, but there will be more funding needed. The Parish Council is thought to be likely to support the work. DW commented that most of the costs for the first Neighbourhood Plan were relating to printing services and Consultancy Fees.

MC suggested that he drafts a Brief (to be agreed with DW) approach some possible Consultants (following recommendations from the BDBC Principal Planning Officer) to meet and represent the Parish Council. He will invite interested firms to come and present to the Councillors before a company can be chosen for the work. At least three quotes will be sought if possible.

MC DW

MC

All Cllrs

MC

REVIEW OF POLICIES

Objective 1 – no change

Objective 2 – include connectivity with Basingstoke Town Centre

Objective 3 – include connectivity with Basingstoke Town Centre

Objective 4 – no change

Objective 5 – aim to better protect current Views, add more Views and more content

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Objective 6 – aim to add more Local Green Spaces (crucially add the East of Pyotts Hill), to extend and protect the Green areas (big and small) throughout the Parish. The memorial Obelisk in Lychpit (Inkpen Gardens) was mentioned as needing inclusion. The Milkingpen Lane Well should be considered for inclusion, also little spots around Lychpit (perhaps could form one LGS application as a series of patchwork pieces throughout the area?), Daneshill Woods.

All Cllrs

Objective 7 – no change

Objective 8 – the difference between the Village Design Statement (2006) and a Design Code was not quite clear and attendees discussed the benefits of updating the Village Design Statement (which was a separately large project undertaken by Councillors/Volunteers before the Neighbourhood Plan was first composed) to provide the most rigid and effective barrier from developers/development. More refinement is needed for this Objective.

Objective 9 – some aspects (such as there being no requirement for affordable housing inclusion on developments of less than ten houses) are out of the Neighbourhood Plan's control. More refinement is needed for this objective, to identify whether a better approach is to address the 'appropriate' level of development for the Parish or to fight/ignore development altogether. It was felt that it might be worth mentioning that there isn't actually scope for high levels of Windfall Development within the Settlement Policy Boundary of the Parish anyway.

New objectives were also suggested, as follows;

Carbon reduction and Sustainability

GM FM

Pollution reduction

FM

Biodiversity and Green Corridors

GM

Maintaining Lychpit's Green character

GM SG CB

Improving Lychpit's facilities

GM

Support for development incorporating improved standards and future-proofing

CB

Further objectives had been suggested by FM and may need consideration at the next meeting

FM

AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Loddon Valley and Local Green Spaces

KT DW

Transport, Walking, Cycling, Public Transport (including rat-running)

RD

Housing Types, Affordability, Extensions, Second Storeys and Site Allocation

PB

Style & Design

KT GM

Loddon's iconic Views

DW

CIL Review

DW

Loddon Valley Map

DW

Introduction to Neighbourhood Plan

FM

Section 2: Demographics Context

GM SG

Layout and Design

AR

The meeting ended at 13:00. The next meeting will be held on 15th March 2023 at 11.00am in the Parish Office.