

Old Basing & Lychpit Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Meeting Notes

15th March 2023

In attendance: Councillors David Whiter (DW), Roger Doust (RD), Kate Tuck (KT), Alan Renwick (AR), Gillian Moore (GM) and Kate Hope (Deputy Clerk) (KH).

1 Apologies were received from Councillors Murray Campbell (MC), Peter Bloyce (PB), Charlie Butfoy (CB), Sheena Grassi (SG), and Francesca Maritan (FM).

2 PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATIONS

a DW showed the new Basinga A5 flyer to those present and thanked AR for supervising the design and distribution of it.

A slightly different A4 design was printed within the Spring Parish Council Newsletter. AR presented a draft letter to the group and suggested that the Deputy Clerk distributes a copy to each group/contact on the distribution list (agreed at a previous meeting), so that responses can be received and collated on behalf of the group. GM suggested adding Hampshire Cultural Trust to the list.

KH

AR explained that the flyer has a banner heading which should be continued across all communications and that "The Update" distinguishes the project and highlights its importance.

b The group agreed that affixing A4 posters around the parish was unnecessary, but that some A4 copies for Parish noticeboards, local shops and businesses would be helpful. AR to request 15 copies from Greenhouse Graphics, delivered to the Parish Office.

AR

DW suggested an A1 poster would be advantageous at the upcoming OBLEC public meeting. AR suggested that there are several meetings and lots of information for residents to digest at the moment, which is possibly confusing. Suggested that perhaps some posters in the Village Hall entrance at the public meeting would be possible, but that the resolution would need to be checked at such an increased size. AR will request a proof copy from Greenhouse Graphics and have 3 copies printed if appropriate.

AR

DW suggested that a questionnaire will be necessary in due course. Last time, it was a hard copy distribution, but this time a mail chimp online survey might be more appropriate. DW asked AR to note that this will be the next significant input for Publicity & Communications.

AR

3 FUNDING & EXPENDITURE

a In the absence of MC, DW explained that MC has drafted a brief for potential Consultants and has contacted four (including the company which worked with OBLPC to prepare the Neighbourhood Plan). A shortlist will be circulated at the end of March.

MC

There are no government grants or funds available at present. Locality (the previous scheme) ends in March 2023 and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities are exploring funding for the next financial year. DW confirmed that once the shortlist has been circulated, interviews will be conducted in April/May 2023.

MC

RD pointed out some errors within the current Neighbourhood plan and DW suggested that all such 'spots' should be directed to FM in the first instance. GM has already provided FM with some similar amendments.

- b AR confirmed that the Basinga flyer has cost a total of £358 (excl VAT).
Costs of printing the posters, as suggested previously, will be minimal.

4 REVIEW OF OBJECTIVES

a Local Green Spaces

DW / KT

DW provided those present with a map showing the Local Green Space application which was submitted to BDBC in 2020 (rejected for being too extensive) and also indicating a proposed revised area. DW and KT had met with Anne Shattock (Planning Officer) who had suggested that the revised version would still be too excessive, but if the Local Plan won't incorporate it, DW suggested it should be worked into the updated Neighbourhood Plan if possible. The revised area measures approximately 40 hectares and includes a number of significant features, extending Basing Fen through the Millfield and out beyond the Parish, along the Loddon valley. All were in agreement to include this LGS in the updated Neighbourhood Plan.

Cowdery's Down (also known as the "Rabbit field") is located between the Millfield and Swing Swang Lane. The area has a mains sewer and cabling/pylons overhead, but is located within the Conservation Area. It was not included in the current Neighbourhood Plan as it was felt that, since Hampshire County Council owns the land, it wouldn't be necessary. KT pointed out that the area would link nicely with other existing protected spaces, such as the Millfield and that it contains significant levels of biodiversity. Those present agreed that it should be submitted for protection as a LGS also.

DW remarked that the river corridor should be as wide as possible. Since it is all within flood zones 2 and 3, it shouldn't be difficult to get BDBC to agree to this – Echinswell have had some similar success (if not bigger).

Local Plan work is having to be standardised, but the Neighbourhood Plan is possibly an easier aim.

The group discussed the merits of having a map of the whole parish which indicates all green spaces. It was thought that this could be achieved by using the BDBC GPOS map system. GM and KH will meet to explore a possible mapping solution.

GM / KH

b Protection of Loddon Valley & Iconic Views

DW referred to a green, red and purple map which indicated OLD001, 003, 005 and 012 which are all areas 'under threat'. DW presented five photographs and the accompanying maps to illustrate the location from which the photographs – and views within them – were taken.

01507 – Loddon Ban, looking East of Wildwood Farm.

01472 – was a very similar view to the above, so was discounted for that reason.

01474 – Looking across to Wildwood/Doe Farm. The Landowner has permission for nine new dwellings within this view so it won't work well from this angle, but could be adjusted to show the directly adjacent view (with Olivers Battery in the background, which would be beneficial).

01475 – Looking over to OLD001 and OLD002 across the Loddon Valley.

Reinforces the Local Green Space application.

01481 – Blacklands Farm, Rushes Row. A few farm buildings, but agreed to submit it and try/see what the Inspector says.

Existing view 16 seems shortened. Want to extend that view to Rushes Row which puts pressure on OLD002 site.

KT asked if Newnham Lane to Lodge Farm is covered with a suitable 'Iconic View' status? DW thought that view 15 covers the general area, but KT suggested that another view would be needed, directly to Lodge Farm, incorporating Park Pale in the distant tree line. KT will send some suitable photos to DW.

KT

GM suggested another view, beyond Piggy Dam, looking back into the village, would be appropriate. GM will capture some images and submit within 2/3 weeks.

GM

KT recommended that all members keep their eyes open and find more options. Chris Hawkins could be asked to take new images on a bright, blue day for more impact.

c Traffic & Transport

RD has reviewed and thinks changes are minimal. Section 4.3 would need revision with new census figures.

OB1 – no changes

OB2 – no changes – Swing Swang Lane bridge footpath is as good as possible.

Priority signage wouldn't work due to backed up traffic and lack of space between roundabout and priority section. Milkingpen Lane is already in hand. There is a possible issue with parking under the railway bridge on The Street.

OB3 – “To implement measures which detracts traffic congestion”

DW wondered whether the mention of solar powered electronic speed indicators under Appendix Two would still be worth considering? 4.17 needs to be rephrased now that Black Dam Roundabout works are complete. KT recommended keeping the general gist – especially ‘showing any significant increase in traffic...significant impact on village’.

p21 – the map needs updating and the priority sign/refuge on Hatch Lane removing.

5 ECHINSWELL

a The following Councillors to review the Echinswell Neighbourhood Plan submission:

KT/GM – Green Infrastructure

RD – Active & Sustainable Travel

SB – Carbon Reduction

RD to summarise Traffic suggestions and send to DW/FM.

DW to summarise Local Green Space suggestions and send to DW/FM.

RD

DW

The meeting ended at 1:10pm.

The next meetings will be held on the following dates at 11.00am in the Parish Office:

12th April 2023 – PB to discuss OB9 Housing and SB to discuss Carbon Reduction

10th May 2023 – GM/KT to discuss housing design/building assessment

7th June 2023 – any new objectives

5th July 2023