

Old Basing & Lychpit Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Meeting Notes

7th June 2023

In attendance: Councillors Murray Campbell (MC), Roger Doust (RD), Kate Tuck (KT), Alan Renwick (AR), Gillian Moore (GM), Charlie Butfoy (CB), Francesca Maritan (FM), Peter Bloyce (PB), Sheena Grassi (SG) and Kate Hope (Deputy Clerk) (KH).

1 APOLOGIES

Councillor David Whiter sent his apologies. Councillor Murray Campbell chaired the meeting in his absence.

2 PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATIONS

- a Mostly now finalised. Marketing can probably be managed in house, or the Consultant may cover such work on the Parish Council's behalf.

3 FUNDING & EXPENDITURE

a Consultant replies, Interviews & Potential Costs

One Consultant has presented to the Parish Council – a second is booked in to present at the end of June. After that, the interview panel will propose its recommendation to the Full Parish Council for agreement. Both companies seem very credible and capable. One is much more expensive than the other, but both can be flexible regarding what they include in their specification. It will be approximately £10k minimum to carry out the required work (or £14k/£20k to do a more extensive and thorough update).

b Funding

Of the £2000 budget, £110 has been spent this year so far.

4 REVIEW OF OBJECTIVES & 2018 POLICIES

a Dark Skies Policy

Approved at the 6th June 2023 Full Parish Council meeting, subject to some minor modifications to the content. This builds on mention of Dark Skies in the existing Neighbourhood Plan.

Iconic Views

Looking at the erosion of the iconic views, significant loss of views has occurred during the existence of the current Neighbourhood Plan. Scored 2, to try to do better.

Reviewing Success of 2018 Policies

Policy 1	3
Policy 2	3
Policy 3	1
Policy 4	2
Policy 5	4
Policy 6	5
Policy 7	CA – 4 B – 3 L – 3 BR – 1
Policy 8	2

b Finalise Objectives

MC had no concerns regarding the policies and what they are trying to achieve, but the wording feels repetitive and heavy, and could do with tightening up.

Objective 2 – what measures are proposed to alleviate the problem? SG suggested a one way system, but PB and AR confirmed that this has been

considered , along with lights at Milkingpen Lane Bridge, and various speed limits.

One way system may help the traffic at the Bakehouse?

Objective 3 – everyone was happy with the separate proposal (GM and KT had brought hard copies of this for review)

Objective 4 – wordy, but OK.

Objective 5 – GM had reviewed other ‘made’ Neighbourhood Plans which drill into a lot more detail about Local Green Spaces and feels that OBLPC could do more.

Saxon Way, The Topiary, Broadhurst Grove Green, Well Head at Milkingpen Lane should all be added, for example.

Objective 6 – no changes proposed.

Objective 7 – Not something to be done lightly. Will be a huge additional piece of work. PB suggested minor amendments to Village Design Statement referred to in new Neighbourhood Plan (but without risking suggesting that the Village Design Statement is outdated). Reluctant to commit to it without knowing costs etc.

Leave wording as it is for now, but to be revisited.

Objective 8 – “... and to prioritise development of Brownfield sites and **appropriate** windfall sites”

Objective 9 – “to ensure all development promotes biodiversity net gain” (delete “low density of development”). The group agreed to discuss adding reference to “density” somewhere with the Consultant.

Objective 10 – no comments.

Objective 11 – to” ... as set out in Appendix AB”

5 EVIDENCE LOG

FM has set up.

6 HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

MC referred to a document (80pps) which explains the Locality information available.

PB has researched. Spoke to representative. The Parish Council can get a free housing assessment, if it has a design code and housing numbers in the area. There is no funding for this currently, but hopefully an announcement for a six year extension to the current funding plan will be made soon. Locality will give technical support if/when the funding plan is released. It was agreed that it makes sense to wait and pursue this when the Consultants have been instructed.

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

5th July 2023