

Old Basing & Lychpit Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Meeting Notes 6th September 2023

Present: Cllrs David Whiter, Peter Bloyce, Murray Campbell, Sheena Grassi, Roger Doust, Francesca Maritan, Alan Renwick, Charlie Butfoy and Kate Hope (Deputy Clerk).

1 Apologies: Kate Tuck

2 Funding & Expenditure

Appointment of Consultant

ET Planning have been appointed. Cllrs Bloyce and Whiter agreed that the contract is acceptable. Documents relating to the work carried out so far are on their way to ET Planning for review (see below) and the expected timeline for completion of the Plan update is 9-12 months.

Grants are now available, and Cllr Campbell will be applying for a grant as soon as the contracts have been finalised.

A further £6k would be available in certain circumstances, including if a Neighbourhood Plan were to commit to certain development levels in specified areas. As this would not be in line with the Parish Council's current work to address development threats, there is no intention to apply for the additional funding at this time.

Cllr Campbell will be the main point of contact for ET Planning. Meetings will be held online where possible for cost reasons.

Costs to Date

No further costs have been incurred since the last meeting. The work has been budgeted to cost £13,000 (ET Planning have quoted £11,000 at this stage). Grant funding of £10,000 will go a long way to cover the expected costs to come.

3 Draft Documents for Consultant

Cllr Whiter proposed sending;

Existing Neighbourhood Plan (2015-2029)

Loddon Valley views

Local Green Spaces proposals

Draft Questionnaire

Review of success of existing Neighbourhood Plan (2015-2029)

Draft Objectives (see below)

Aspirations for CIL Spending (inc traffic speed indicators and public transport improvements)

Agreed Objectives

Those present discussed land south of the motorway which is exposed to development threat (particularly a current application for a Motorway Service Area at Junction 6) and determined that the wording of Objective 4/5/6 heading should be adjusted to "Land Outside the Settlement Policy Boundary, East of Basingstoke and the Loddon Valley".

Review of Existing Policies

Local Green Spaces & Iconic Views

Questionnaire

Cllr Renwick presented a draft Questionnaire to those present. He remarked that the questionnaire will need to be a 'communication' which provides all the necessary information, history and reason for public participation in the Neighbourhood Plan Update process.

Cllr Campbell asked whether the questionnaire could be made available online also – this can be done. Cllr Maritan pointed out the benefits of an online version of the questionnaire, with regards to likely response rate, cost and environmental impact.

The quoted cost for printing the questionnaire in its current form (6 pages) is £1105 + design costs. A 4 page version would cost less.

Cllr Maritan asked if under sixteen year old would be canvassed. It was suggested that a sixteen year old is likely to be the minimum age to have a ‘sensible opinion’ and that younger residents would be represented by their parents.

Cllr Maritan suggested that including a copy of the development threat maps would make a useful addition to the questionnaire.

Cllr Butfoy requested that the banner be printed in colour rather than black and white if at all possible, to reinforce the ‘branding’ of the document.

The questionnaire is intended to be distributed as an insert for the Autumn Parish Newsletter (due for printing on 10th November 2023) and so a draft should be submitted to the Consultant by 11th October 2023.

Cllr Renwick encouraged those present to think about the final design and layout of the Neighbourhood Plan update, as it takes time. Cllr Whiter suggested that perhaps the updated Plan could use the same layout as the original Neighbourhood Plan (2015-2029) but with a new photograph and new banner colour, to suggest that it is the same document but a different version?

4 Publicity & Communications

Questionnaire on Objectives

Cllrs Whiter and Renwick had discussed the order of the objectives and feel that they should be adjusted to;

1. Land Outside the Settlement Policy Boundary, East of Basingstoke and the Loddon Valley,
2. Village Character and Conservation Area
3. Housing Development and Sites
4. Traffic and Transport
5. Climate Challenge

Invitation to Public Involvement

There has been no response to the Parish Councils request for public involvement which was printed in a recent issue of the Basinga.

5 Evidence Log

Nothing new to add. From October 2023, a review of the current Neighbourhood Plan (2015-2029) should begin, to consider any changes and what can remain unaltered.

Would OBLEC feedback be useful and can it be used as evidence? Yes. Responses to the Questionnaire can lead a statement to reaffirm the local opinion.

Cllr Butfoy asked whether a simple line programme/production schedule could be created to keep track of works going forward.

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6 Next Meetings

October 11th, November 14th and December 12th at 11.00