

## **Bungay Neighbourhood Planning Group**

**Date: 18.4.2018**

**Time: 7.00 pm**

**Place: The Fleece Inn, Bungay**

**Present: Ken Lodge (Chair), John Adams, Sue Collins, Karen Lodge, Jesse Timberlake, Dave O'Neill, Nicholas Usherwood, Tony Dawes, Gilly Shiner, Bob Prior, Guy Bradley, Elizabeth Cawood, Peter Jackson.**

**In attendance: Mark Thompson**

**Visitor: Dorothy Casey**

### **Minutes**

**1.0 No apologies** were received

**1.1 Minutes from 21.3.2018**

were agreed and signed

**1.2 Matters arising from 21.2.2018**

*As there was still no contact with Amanda Stones, SC suggested an alternative candidate for the rôle of Communications Officer. BP said there were sufficient funds to cover the immediate costs of such a project. Discussions have been informal so far, but it was agreed that the officers should pursue the matter.*

**2.0 Statements from the Chair**

**2.1** KL announced that there would be a special meeting of BTC to discuss its response to the Waveney Draft Local Plan on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April at the Council Chamber.

**2.2** JA reported on a meeting he and GB had with Peter Aldous, MP. The latter has a degree in land management and understands the issues surrounding the allocation of land for building purposes. JA will keep the MP informed of progress we make with our discussions with WDC regarding the allocation of WLP5.1.

**2.3** SC, KL and GB will meet with WDC planners on May 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss the matter of the allocation of WLP5.1 as a site suitable for building on. It is understood that Bungay's district councilors may attend and that David Ritchie will be present.

**2.4** SC suggested that it would be appropriate and helpful for the Group to join the Suffolk Preservation Society, part of the Campaign for the Preservation of Rural England. This was agreed.

**3.0** It was agreed that KL should continue as Chair of the Group.

**4.0** It was agreed that any door-to-door survey of the opinions of residents who live in the vicinity of the Tin River and WLP5.1 should be postponed.

5.0 It was agreed that the agenda be changed to postpone the SWOT analysis in the light of the urgency to engage with the issue of WLP5.1 and write up the NDP and its policies. There was an open session to air members' views.

It was noted that in 2014 an application for building 35 houses per hectare on WLP5.1 was turned down by WDC, who prefer 30 dwellings per hectare. The Build for Life guideline is 22 dwellings per hectare.

It was noted that landscape issues had not been addressed in the Local Plan.

It was agreed that a cycleway and footpath along the side of WLP5.1 were necessary to incorporate into any plan.

It was agreed that written material from the separate subgroups including policies be submitted to the BNDP Draft folder on Dropbox by 9<sup>th</sup> May. MT agreed to help any group who requested his assistance in formulating the submissions.

It was agreed that the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> May should be taken up with a discussion of the proposals from each subgroup.