

Bungay Neighbourhood Planning Group Minutes

Date: 21.11.2018

Time: 7.00 pm

Place: The Fleece Inn, Bungay

Present: Ken Lodge (Chair), John Adams, Sue Collins, Karen Lodge, Guy Bradley, Peter Jackson, Tony Dawes, Bob Prior, Jesse Timberlake

In attendance: Chris Sadler

Minutes

1.0 Apologies were received from Elizabeth Cawood, Gilly Shiner and Nicholas Usherwood. Dave O'Neill did not attend.

1.1 Minutes from 17.10.2018

were agreed and signed.

1.2 Matters arising

No matters arising; TD still assembling pictures of traffic problems.

2.0 Statements from the Chair

2.1 KL reported that Stonehouse has been booked for 16 people for 19th December. Orders to be sent to KL and a per capita deposit to be paid by 12th December.

2.2 The Officers' meeting was attended by KL, SC, TD and GS; BP was invited to attend to discuss budgetary matters.

- It was agreed to ask JA to liaise with CS and to ask Chris to the November meeting.
- The expenditure so far from the Locality budget for work carried out by Smallfish is £2,250; a further £250 has to be paid. This is the fixed figure for work on the pre-consultation document, as set out in the original submission of the costs. Help with the public consultation document is included in what was agreed with Smallfish at a cost of £300. If any further help with this document, such as the online collection of data and analysis, this will incur an extra charge.
- The public consultation document should list the policies, summarize the justification for them and pictures, as necessary, along the lines of the equivalent Wenhaston document.
- SC referred to the document published by Historic England entitled *Stop the rot*, which gives guidance to local councils in respect of Grade II listed buildings and how to force the owners to keep them in good order. JA proposed that the NDP should write to BTC to promote further action on the King's Head and Castle: it was agreed.

ACTION: KL to compose letter to be circulated to NDPG members for approval.

2.3 KL reminded the members that the interim letter from the Examiner of the WDC Local Plan had been circulated. WLP5.2 was specifically mentioned in a list of issues for the attention of WDC. JA suggested the Group should publicize the Examiner's comment about WLP5.2 and point out the NDPG's rôle in bringing this about.

2.4 Planning application DC/18/4429/ARM. It was reported that the planning application, submitted recently for 150 homes on part of WLP5.2, would be discussed at the next BTC Environment & Planning committee. The deadline for comments on the application is 14th December.

3.0 Update from Chris Sadler

- CS emphasized that he needs relatively firm dates for the pre-submission consultation before he can make any arrangements for advertising it and arranging for the Co-op to be involved in its distribution. KL offered the following timescale:

Late February 2019: executive summary to go to every household.

March 2019: changes to the draft plan in the light of comments.

April 2019: Draft plan ready for BTC to forward to WDC.

September/October 2019?: Examination and referendum.

- He needs a high-definition copy of our logo for use in signage.

ACTION: TD to provide a vector image of our logo. [Done]

- The High School was not keen on taking work on the NDP forward. SC and CS will be attending the school on 17th December, son will ask again.
 - **Photo competition:** BBJ more positive, keen to be on the judging panel with Bungay Camera Club.
 - It was agreed that there should be a permanent display of NDP material in the Council Offices and that children's artwork from St Edmund's Primary School could be displayed there.
- ACTION: KFL to investigate at the school. [Done]**
- It was further suggested that CS should use local social media outlets to advertise the work of the NDPG.

4.0 Open session

JA presented a case against retaining the King's Head as a hotel. It did not seem financially viable. He had been taken round the building by OB: there are thirteen bedrooms, which could be turned into a similar number of single-occupancy flats. Refurbishing these rooms as hotel accommodation would be too costly for anyone to undertake in order to run a successful business. The Group should, therefore, remove its requirement for the King's Head to be retained as a hotel, even though we can mark it as a preferred option.

GB reported that he and JT were not happy with the submitted version of the Environment section, and that they would revise the text and resubmit it to the Group within the next fortnight.

ACTION: GB & JT to revise their section.

No comments were made on the Community Matters section. GS has already sent revisions to KFL, who has added her own and sent them back to GS for final agreement.