

BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL



Bingley Town Council, Myrtle Place, Bingley, BD16 2LF

Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group meeting held on Wednesday 17th November 2021

**Start: 6:30pm
Finish: 9:00pm**

Councillors present:	Gibbons, Truelove, Williams
Non-member Councillors in attendance:	None
In attendance:	Eve Haskins (Town Clerk)
Non Councillor members present:	John Dekker, Andrew Quarrie, Michael Taylor, Tony Urwin
Members of the public:	One

Introductions took place.

2122/15 Apologies for Absence

Resolved to receive apologies, and to approve the reasons for absence, from Councillors Carney and Owen, Ros Dawson and Martyn Weaver.

2122/16 Disclosures of interest

Councillor Williams declared an interest in item 2122/23 as a director of Hopscotch Taverns.

No written requests for dispensation received.

2122/17 Minutes

Resolved to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 2021.

2122/18 Public Participation

A member of the public, Mr Cattell, provided an update on his work on Milner Field, wanting to ensure it is classed as a Special Character Area in the Neighbourhood Plan, highlighting that it is a special area of historic interest. Councillor Gibbons stated that Bradford Council have previously advised the Town Council that they would not support pursuing conservation area status for Milner Fields. Mr Cattell reported that he has been working to provide evidence to support a Special Character Area designation, and to have Milner Field acknowledged as a special character area and stated that the landscape, buildings and archaeology within the area, including steps dating from the 15th century, all support the case for special area status. He also requested further help with the collation of all his evidence, including 500 photographs, notably what format it needs to be presented in. He also confirmed that the Salts and Roberts families have agreed to the Town Council being provided with a copy of the relevant historic maps, including regarding the sale of Milner Field in 1922, to include in the Neighbourhood Plan.

As well as the above Mr Cattell has been working on the following:

- 1) Obtaining Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) on the fruit trees within the area: Bradford Wildlife Group to submit an application.
- 2) Registering of two footpaths as Rights of Way across the Milner Fields area: Gilstead Village Society put in an application to Bradford Council to record the public footpaths at Milner Field in 2016, this has

now progressed to consultation, which the Town Council have been consulted upon (discussed under item 2122/19). Multiple surveys have already been carried out on the area, by local groups and Bradford Council.

3) He also reported that he has discovered through his research that parts of Milner Field, including the pastures, parkland and fruit trees, are natural biodiversity areas, and confirmed that the West Yorkshire Joint Services will be surveying the area in spring 2022.

The Working Group agreed to recommend to the next Full Council meeting on 7th December that a separate working group is set up to focus upon Milner Field, consisting of Councillors Gibbons and Williams, and Mr Dekker acting as a proof reader to aid Mr Cattell.

2122/19 Consultation – Application to Record Public Footpaths at Milner Field

Resolved to review the consultation documentation received and to agree the following recommended response to Full Council: Town Council to respond to the consultation for Gilstead Village Society's application to record public footpaths at Milner Field in full support of the plan, stating also that the Town Council are aware that the footpaths are well used (as evidenced by the surveys carried out by Bradford Council), and that the 'Bingley Walkers are Welcome' have a 'secrets of Bingley' guided walk including Milner Field.

The Working Group thanked Mr Cattell for his all help, input and comprehensive work on this issue.

Mr Cattell left the meeting at 7.10pm.

2122/20 Update of the Project Plan

Resolved to receive an update on progress of the Project Plan as follows: no defined timescales as yet, due to challenges over the summer when progress slowed, therefore no Project Plan currently in place. A tender is out for planning consultants at present, agreed that the Consultant needs to be in place for the plan to be firmed up. To revisit and to apply for Locality grant(s) once a consultant is agreed.

2122/21 Town Centre Chapter

Resolved to receive the updated Town Centre chapter, and to agree the following: Mr Dekker to review and verify the version of this chapter, to compare with version 7 on the Town Council's website (which includes planning and regeneration and the Changing Places toilet), and to include aspirational/future actions: to submit an amended draft prior to the next Working Group meeting.

Mr Quarrie left the meeting at 7.50pm.

2122/22 Community Asset and Facilities List

Resolved to receive an update on the Community Asset and Facilities List, and to agree the following: Councillor Gibbons to amend this list to include an introductory paragraph providing a definition of community assets, and highlighting that the list is not exhaustive; other Working Group members to send Councillor Gibbons any comments and suggestion for inclusion in this list, for circulation to all prior to the next meeting.

2122/23 Other Chapters

Resolved to discuss possible amendments to other chapters to incorporate Bradford Council comments and to agree the following:

- Section 3: need to wait for consultant's comments.
- Maps: need to wait for consultant's comments.
- Housing: need to wait for consultant's comments.
- Green Spaces: need to wait for consultant's comments.
- Village identities: need to wait for consultant's comments.

2122/24 Next Meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group will be held on Wednesday 13th January 2022 at 6.30pm in the Hub.