

BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL



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

Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group meeting held in the Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley on Monday 16th May 2022

Councillors present:	Carney (MC), Dawson (RD), Gibbons (PG), Williams (SW)
Non-member Councillors in attendance:	None
In attendance:	Eve Haskins (Town Clerk), Lee Searles (LS, Consultant)
Non Councillor members present:	John Dekker (JD), Tony Urwin (TU)
Members of the public:	None

Start: 6.30pm

Finish: 8.50pm

2122/43 Apologies for Absence

Resolved to receive apologies, and to approve the reasons for absence, from Andrew Quarrie, Mick Taylor and Martyn Weaver.

2122/44 Disclosures of interest

None received.

No written requests for dispensation received.

2122/45 Minutes

Resolved to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2022.

2122/46 Public Participation

None.

2122/47 Review and Feedback on Revised Plan Document from Consultant

The following was discussed and reported regarding the Revised Plan Document:

- Actions agreed at the last meeting have been completed, and the section on Milner Field is coming along well.
- One outstanding action is the issue of the town centre boundary, which will need to be redrawn to match the AECOM documents: Councillor Williams to do this.
- Bradford Council's emerging Local Plan contains data for Bingley, however this is a 'sub area' of the parish so does not directly correspond with Bingley's Neighbourhood Plan Area, which will need to be noted in the Plan.
- Section 1 Neighbourhood Plan Area: noted that Micklethwaite is misspelt – agreed that PG/MC to go through document to mark up the typos.
- Section 4 Strategic Environmental Appraisal (SEA): PG reported that AECOM's view is that the Plan does not need an SEA, however it will need to go out to consultation.
- Section 6 Consultation with the Community: agreed RD to amend this section to include a sentence outlining the ways in which the Plan was initially widely publicised (press releases etc.).
- Section 7 History and Character of the Neighbourhood Area: noted that 'Crosley' misspelt.

- Section 8 Social, Economic and Environmental Characteristics: noted that it should read 'rail access' not 'access rail', and agreed to amend the final paragraph in this section to 'There is little space for any infrastructure growth within Crossflatts village. Planning consent for 400 houses on the boundary with Micklethwaite village will have a detrimental effect on life in both villages.'
- Section 11 Town Centre Policies: discussed the lack of mention of the need for swimming facilities in the Plan; agreed this should be included with information that provides support for the policy (petition and letters sent to Sport England). Also agreed that LS to add a policy here regarding vacated buildings in the town and of the need to improve signage to and for car parks to enable visitors to locate long and short stay car parks.
- Section 12 Creating an Attractive Environment for Business Investment: discussed the need to expand on the policy to attract businesses/employment sites; LS highlighted that there would need to be an active strategy to show these sites are needed, which would necessitate the need for a SEA and therefore prolong the Plan process; agreed to revisit this in the future once the Plan has been submitted.
- Section 13 Meeting Local Housing Needs: agreed that the sentence regarding affordable housing should read 'It recommends that for Bingley around 65% of affordable housing delivered should be for rent tenures.'
- Section 14 Walking, Cycling and Green Infrastructure: discussed the need for allotments to be included here; LS advised that it would need to demonstrate that there is a need for allotments in the parish to promote an effective policy, agreed that LS to include paragraph outlining the current allotment provision, evidence of waiting lists and that developments would be encouraged to have allotments to promote the healthy living agenda etc.
- Section 15 Enhancing Bingley's Landscape and Heritage: LS to revise this section to include the correct figure for the number of listed buildings and local character buildings and structures of local interest.
- Section 16 Monitoring and Review: discussed whether the Town Council needs a Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group, LS advised that another Working Group could be set up to revise the Plan when necessary.
- Appendices: Appendix 8 re Milner Fields almost complete, thanks to SW and Alan Cattell for their work on this. LS to revise this section to include the correct figure for the number of listed buildings and local character buildings and structures of local interest.
- LS reported that Iain Cunningham, Senior Planning Officer at Bradford Council has offered to look at the draft Plan and provide comments: agreed that LS to liaise with them accordingly once the Plan has been amended and approved by the Full Council.

2122/48 Special Area Character Elements of the Neighbourhood Plan

Discussion on this item included in the item above.

2122/49 Community Aspirations Element of the Neighbourhood Plan

Agreed that the Community Aspirations Element of the Plan to be included in Section 9 Key Challenges and Opportunities, no more than a page: PG and LS to work on this.

2122/50 Schedule 14 Consultation

PG reported that the Schedule 14 Consultation must take place over at least six weeks, therefore agreed to run this for eight weeks. LS to send further detail on this outlining who needs to be consulted. Discussed the ways this could be publicized, including having printed copies in public places for residents to view; agreed the consultation to be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

2122/51 Project Plan

This item covered above.

2122/52 Next Meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group will be held on Tuesday 21st June 2022 at 6.30pm at the Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley, with the consultant attending via Teams.