



BRATTON PARISH COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

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Minutes of a meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on **Tuesday 8th October 2019** at 7.15 pm in the Pavilion on the Green.

Present: Cllr N Morris (Chair), Cllr J Ligo and Alan Brooks.

In attendance: Nicola Duke (Parish Clerk), Fern Joyce, Mark Joyce and Chris Joyce

The Chair thanked those present for attending.

NPSG34	Apologies for Absence Mr Ken Davis Mr Eddie Cole
NPSG35	Steering Group meeting – June 2019 The minutes from the meeting held on 11th June 2019 were approved for accuracy and referred to Full Council for adoption (proposed Cllr Ligo, seconded Cllr Morris).
NPSG36	WHSAP Further Main Modifications The Chair had circulated a report relating to the WHSAP FMM's, which was considered and is appended to the minutes for reference. She provided some background to Wiltshire Council's consultation and the input from the Planning Inspector. She confirmed the role of the Inspector in the process, which was to ensure that the policies produced by WC were sound. The Chair spoke to the Inspector's comments (as contained in the Chair's report attached). Settlement boundaries – the Chair confirmed that these had not been altered. Members discussed this, noting that the Inspector had confirmed he felt these were robust. Cllr Ligo suggested that the only comment from Bratton in relation to this could be to draw attention to the site suggested for inclusion in the settlement boundary (Kadjua) and ask for an explanation as to why it had been left out. Development site – the plan for the proposed development site had been enlarged and conditions had been attached to any development. The reference to the site had also been 'uplifted' from 'descriptive text' to firm policy.

Issue for NPSG – it was agreed that the issue to be considered was what, if any, representations could be made to WC that were relevant to the FMM’s. Mrs Joyce felt it would be useful to provide residents with guidance as to how comments should be made to this consultation.

Mr Brooks stated he felt that the NPSG was too late in the process to affect it. Mrs Joyce related this to the original statement that only 10 houses had been allocated to Bratton, which had resulted in the feeling there was no need for a NP. Cllr Ligo confirmed that this point had been made.

Cllr Ligo noted that some sites had been taken out of the plan due to the Inspectors comments and stated his understanding that the inspector would reconsider this after the response to his Letter of Advice. It was confirmed that the Inspector would not accept any responses/comments on his letter.

Cllr Ligo noted that the PC had made an early decision post the 2017 election to get on with a NP but that this was a complicated process which was taking time. The work on the plan had been further complicated by the Local Plan Review and the WHSAP and the reference in the Local Plan to 40 additional houses in Bratton.

Members discussed the resources and community input required in order to develop a NP and noted that it would be necessary to wait and find out what the WC policies would be before proceeding to develop any NP policies.

At this point Mr Mike Manson joined the meeting (7.55 pm).

There was a discussion regarding how the NP would dovetail into the Local Plan and the fact that if policies were contrary the NP would not be approved by the LPA.

It was confirmed that smaller development sites would not be classed as strategic development, which was what required and which bought with it CIL funds and s106 contributions. Cllr Ligo referred to the need to put a strategic development site in for the NP to be adopted and noted the effort which would be required to get a plan approved by WC.

Cllr Ligo suggested that the SG write a letter to WC to say that the NPSG and PC were totally confused by the process and its complexity, the significant change made, the fact that the site had been made bigger and the lack of correction relating to the size of village. It was felt that a meeting with the Head of Strategic Planning at WC was required.

Members noted the FMM’s mention of improvements to cycling and walking routes through the proposed site to link into the existing village network. It was agreed that it was insufficient to simply have infrastructure within the site and that it needed to extend into the village. It was agreed it was unsafe to expect children to cross Court Lane to get into school and noted that there was no mention of highways issues.

	<p>It was agreed that Cllr Ligo would prepare a draft letter for WC and circulate to the NPSG for comments and input. It was agreed the letter would include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns regarding the loose phraseology of the cycle and walking routes and the lack of an existing network for the new routes to feed into • The dangerous highway issues from the proposed site into the centre of the village • An objection to the increase in the size of the proposed site
NPSG37	<p>Date of next meeting Tuesday 10th December 2019 at 7.15pm in the Pavilion on the Green.</p>

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.50 pm.