



BRATTON PARISH COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

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Minutes of a meeting to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan for Bratton held on **Tuesday 27th July 2021** at 7.00 pm for the transaction of the business shown on the agenda below.

Present: Cllr J Ligo, Cllr S Ridley, Cllr E Cole, Cllr S Lloyd, Cllr J Jolly, Cllr K Rayward, Cllr N Kew, Mrs R Ridley (virtually) and Lt Gen Lillywhite (virtually).

In attendance: N Duke (Parish Clerk).

	AGENDA ITEM
01	Apologies for Absence Colin Tagg had presented apologies and reported that he would be standing down from the Steering Group.
02	Neighbourhood Planning overview The Clerk provided a brief background presentation on Neighbourhood Planning. A copy of the presentation is available on request.
03	Village Survey Cllr Eddie Cole reported on the results of the Village Survey carried out in 2019. A copy of his presentation is appended to the minutes.
04	Survey Outcomes Members discussed the main outcomes from the survey; agreeing the key issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The village had undergone significant changes as a consequence of the Covid pandemic, which would justify a further survey of residents. Should a further survey be run it was agreed that a digital option for completion would be required.• The increased desire of young families to move to rural areas and the increase in home working post Covid was noted and felt to be significant; it was noted that the Neighbourhood Plan could contain policies which supported this.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was felt that the increase in home working provided an opportunity to develop local business centres to support home workers and provide a place for meetings and communications. • It was noted that with the new development in the village Bratton would have met its housing target to 2036. • Concern was expressed over the potential for developing an active and committed steering group. It was agreed that more representation from stakeholders and local organisations was required and a direct approach would be needed. • It was agreed that the message about Neighbourhood Planning needed to be got out to the village in an engaging way and Cllr Jolly would assist with this. • The risk of the NP policies being overridden during planning application determination at WC was noted.
05	<p>Next Steps</p> <p>Members considered the next steps and agreed that a Public Meeting would be held in September to report to residents the findings of the initial survey, outline the plans for a further post Covid survey and identify the level of support for the Steering Group. A report would then be submitted to the Parish Council, which would agree the next steps including any support required from a consultant.</p>
06	<p>Future meetings</p> <p>The date for the public meeting would be set nearer the time.</p>

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.47 pm.