



BRATTON PARISH COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

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Notes of a virtual meeting to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan for Bratton held via Zoom on
Tuesday 14th December 2021 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllr Eddie Cole (Chairman), Cllr J Ligo, Mark Fanning, Roger Hames, James Linehan, Jackie Hames,
In attendance: Nicola Duke (Parish Clerk), Katie Lea (Place Studio).

	AGENDA ITEM
13	Apologies for Absence Cllr Tim Goode Rachel Ridley Bob Pearce
14	Minutes of October meeting The minutes of the October Steering Group meeting were approved for accuracy and referred them to the Parish Council for formal adoption.
15	Neighbourhood Plan Consultants Katie Lea, Place Studio (NP consultants) was introduced and addressed the meeting, providing background on Place Studio and its Neighbourhood Plan work. Based in Bristol small team of 4-5. Working on NP since 2010/11 in varioud counties, of late Wiltshire been a focus. Worked on Melksham NP 'made' in the summer and with Westbury TC mixture towns and parishes and number of made plans under belts now. Now will be working on a review of Melksham's plan. Smaller parishes Seed, Aldbourne, Swindon at formal consultation – lot of experience guidning communities through experience – enable rather than do. Evidence collection inc technical evidence which would take a lead on. Help collect other information. Int to hear more about Bratton and its team where are in the process and what help needed in the coming months – extremely busy at the moment may be able to do something gin this financial year – grant window loses 30 Jan for 2021/22 then rest of yer to spend it. Reapply nexy year. Total 10k plus technical support. EC – grant window – application in by 30 Jan then will reopen mid April – linked to financial year. One of main aims to put scope of works together to enable a grant application to be made. Difficulty have go around in circles a lot – done surveys in a position to pesent when covid came along and only reinvigorated the process later this year as SG had been dormant through covid. Have new members now. Last meeting had thoughts as to how move forward discussion at last meeting felt should look at overall objectives first before look at other aspects. Action to put

together objectives. Questions on interpretation of survey results. Not a lot further forward on the objectives. Need to know what steps to take and what can be getting on and what using the funding for – then constructing the plan.

KL – made some good progress 2 suggestions sent – good idea to get vision and objectives in a draft form drawing on survey results and thinking about the direction and scope of the plan will be – what seeking to achieve as the evidence base develops. Think of them as draft at this stage as can be revisited.

PS before April – some scope to do a day or day and a half desk top review of what done to date ie review of the survey and drilling down into that. Suggestion look at where got to to date, ask some key questions how group set up, do we have a link officer talk to them, have conservation area and looking to explore in more detail potential sites for allocation. Helpful to do desk top overview and material produced and meet the group to have an informed discussion to set up project plan and scope of works. That time would get the group set up ready for April so can get stuck in. KL can put together a quote to access the funding from Locality. Confirmed not used any of its pot from Locality yet.

JL – one reason not made progress financial implications not been able to obtain grant. Repeated understanding of grant application and work to the end of March. Clarified understanding of KL's suggestion. Clarified how to access the 10k funding pot.

Agreed KL prepare quote for grant access.

Nature and layout of plans look at Padstow.

Insert from notebook

Community engagement

Impact on determination of planning applications

Involvement of local developers

Main drivers

EC – shortage of land supply in Wiltshire and the allocation of 35 houses in Bratton – try and prevent things like that happening again give some control over development. Public meeting 2021 overwhelmingly voted that Bratton should have a NP.

JL – over riding issue how big do we want the village to be. Unique village 1200 population and has better facilities than a village 3 times size – shop doctors pharmacy pub primary and pre school – to retain those things needs to be an understanding these are important. Issue around how big do we want to be is an important one. Questionnaire demonstrated residents don't want it to be too big but then fundamental question what do we want it to be like and what do we need to continue to support the fantastic facilities we have. Do have some cynicism about this process. Site approved but contrary to planning policies which were in place.

Discussion over planning applications and the vulnerability of areas without a NP. Developers looking for sites buffer zones allocated sometimes – Bratton site on edge of settlement boundary and second site proposed outside of this also. This sort of detail would be reviewed by PS during the desktop review – Sheila sites and RHNS and call for sites and allocated sites – all would be reviewed in some detail in last quarter of this financial year.

Neil Brawn joined late – less overtly negative on build my understanding not to be trying to block but controlling development. Not be anti build – happy 5-10 properties but not the larger developments. Danger of sprawling. Needs to be positive and proactive.

16	<p>Revised survey slides</p> <p>Members considered the revised survey slides showing the voting of 18-24 and 18-39 age groups and to note any significant differences to be taken into account.</p> <p>Important to keep people involved and informed – will be dry document difficult to engage this age group in the detail – can't force their involvement – have the opportunity just keep people informed. Where find information – website. Will have section will need to do community engagement data to keep people informed and generate interest.</p> <p>Council owned land – potential focus on contribution to engage</p> <p>Other issues – businesses working from home engagement with the shop</p> <p>Clarified local plan and its term until 2036 – one of the changes is that councils now obliged to give housing numbers to rural communities</p> <p>Circulate the questionnaire questions</p> <p>Send in any comments – the answers are the answers</p>
17	<p>Objective and vision documents</p> <p>Members considered the documents submitted in respect of the Plan's objective and vision and these had been circulated. Need other input.</p> <p>Collate and issue one document. Comment on that.</p> <p>Inclusion of Pickleberry and footpath link raise with EPC. Plus cycle route to link Beaton with Westbury and then onto Edington – ticks environmental boxes.</p>
18	<p>Development of the Scope of Work with the Planning Consultants</p> <p>Members considered a plan to develop the Scope of Work come up with the desktop review</p>
19	<p>Update from the Parish Clerk</p> <p>To receive an update on the below listed (October minutes refer):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Progress on writing the first four items of the Plan – the Clerk reported that she was working on the first draft and would submit this to the next meeting. b) Update on the Call for Sites process – the Clerk had not received a response from Wiltshire Council but would chase.
20	<p>Grant funding</p> <p>Members considered an application to Locality for grant funding to support the next steps of the Plan – previous agenda items to inform discussion on this point.</p>
21	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>February 2022 – Date to be agreed.</p>

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