

Minutes WBNP 10th August 2020 SG26

Date: Monday 10th August 2020, 7.30pm

Venue: Videoconference meeting via Zoom

Present: Carol Cade (Chairman), Martin Thomas, Alex Swift and John Pritchard

1. **Apologies for absence:** Sally Kaill, Debra Wilson
2. **Minutes of the last meetings held on 6th July 2020 (SG25):** These were **AGREED** as a correct record.
3. **Matters Arising:** None.
4. **Town Council feedback:** MT reported that 97% of an estimated 2,967 households in the Neighbourhood Area had received a postcard about the Community Questionnaire.
5. **Funding:** MT reported that about £600 had been spent on publicity, printing and posters relating to the postcards. CC said that she would ask Hannah Barter to attend the next meeting so we could discuss the next stage of the process, what information HB will need to draft policy, and to discuss timescales.
6. **Consultation Strategy - Community questionnaire: Social Media** AS will liaise with MT over costs. MT will speak to HB about type of activity and expenditure we might need to undertake and allow for to complete our draft policy. He will also ask how AECOM and their design code package fits with the overall Neighbourhood Plan. AS will look through social media websites for any comments. **Email list** CC reported that she had sent email reminders about the Community Questionnaire to 298 addresses, none of which 'bounced' and two of which had been forwarded. **Interested parties list update** Nothing to report. **Paper-based Questionnaires** Copies are available at the Horwich End Post Office. **Leaflet and poster distribution** MT has 70 postcards left (following the recent household deliveries). **Press and media** News items will appear in the Buxton Advertiser this week; see **APPENDIX 1 Coverage in Local Newspapers**. **Next steps for final phase of engagement:** JP reported that he had looked at the website for the emerging Gawsworth Neighbourhood Plan. A survey was delivered to every household in the designated area in June 2016. The questionnaire was used as a basis on which to develop the objective, visions and policies. **The full survey analysis of Gawsworth's first household questionnaire is available at https://www.gawsworthlife.co.uk/download/neighbourhood_plan_-_core_documents/Survey-Results-2016.pdf.**

7. **Timeline and Project Management:** There was a discussion on the notes relating to 'Drafting the Plan' and 'Pre-submission Consultation' supplied by HB (email dated 29th July 2020). These will be discussed further at a later meeting after the responses to the Community Questionnaire have been analysed and reviewed (see 'Dates of next meetings', below).

8. **AOB: AECOM** MT reported that he had received from Lucy Sykes (AECOM) on 10th August 2020 her second draft report on Design Codes; Lucy commented that *'it's nearly complete- the only outstanding elements include:*

- *Feedback from your Household Questionnaire, which will summarise and add detail to some of the codes*
- *A handful of images and graphics*
- *Filling in the code table*
- *Site specific section*
- *Next steps'.*

'Planning for the Future': A Consultation Document There was a short discussion about the government's recent consultation document *'Planning for the future'*; see <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future> and <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/launch-of-planning-for-the-future-consultation-to-reform-the-planning-system>. It proposes a reformed planning system with all land put into one of three categories:

- **Growth areas 'suitable for substantial development'**
- **Renewal areas 'suitable for development'**
- **Protected Areas.**

Consultation closes on 29th October 2020. The consultation document proposes (Proposal 9) that *'Neighbourhood Plans should be retained as an important means of community input, and we will support communities to make better use of digital tools'*. Since statutory Neighbourhood Plans became part of the system in 2011, over 2,600 communities have started the process of neighbourhood planning to take advantage of the opportunity to prepare a plan for their own areas – and over 1,000 plans have been successfully passed at referendum.

Next Meetings (via Zoom):

(NB Monday, 17th August 2020 is the closing date for the Community Questionnaire).

Tuesday, 18th August: CC and AS to meet to put together results in a format for rest of the Steering Group. The results will be made available in Dropbox.

Following a week for all SG members to familiarise themselves with the findings

Monday, 24th August 24th (at 7pm): SG to review the results as a group.

Monday, 7th September: SG meeting (subject to Hannah Barter being available to join the meeting).

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

APPENDIX 1: Coverage in Local Newspapers

The following news items appeared in local newspapers on Thursday, 13th August 2020:

Buxton Advertiser:

<https://www.buxtonadvertiser.co.uk/news/people/last-call-whaley-bridge-residents-have-their-say-shaping-towns-future-2941348>

Glossop Chronicle:

[https://www.questmedianetwork.co.uk/news/glossop-chronicle/final-chance-to-have-your-say-on-a-whaley-bridge-vision/.](https://www.questmedianetwork.co.uk/news/glossop-chronicle/final-chance-to-have-your-say-on-a-whaley-bridge-vision/)