

Minutes WBNP 7th September 2020 SG27

Date: Monday 7th September 2020, 7.00pm

Venue: Videoconference meeting via Zoom

Present: Carol Cade (Chairman), Martin Thomas, Alex Swift, Sally Kaill, John Pritchard and Hannah Barter (Urban Vision Enterprise)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Debra Wilson
2. **Minutes of the last meetings held on 10th August 2020 (SG26):** These were **AGREED** as a correct record.
3. **Matters Arising:** MT reported that he had been interviewed by Judy Brown (of the Review) who is preparing an article for the next edition of this free newspaper. It will have an analysis of the responses to the Community Questionnaire.
4. **Consultation Strategy - Community questionnaire: Review of Results** Members of the Steering Group had held an informal meeting at 7pm on Monday, 24th August to familiarise themselves with the responses of the CQ. There had been 873 responses by the revised closing date of Monday, 17th August. **Analysis of Results** CC will provide HB with the link to Survey Monkey (to enable her to read the responses to the CQ) and to the Town Clerk too. HB noted that about six Key Themes should be identified from the CQ responses; suggestions included speed of transfer of information across the internet (ie upload and download speeds), provision of adequate car parking and designation of Local Green Spaces (compliant with the guidelines in the NPPF and in the Locality Toolkit). MT offered to look through the CQ responses for anything that had not yet been noticed. **Presentation of Results to Stakeholders** HB will prepare a short summary of the results for the Steering Group by Wednesday, 16th September. After these have been agreed, CC will circulate them to Working Party members, the V4W email list, the V4W website, the Town Council, HPBC other interested parties. After HB's summary has been circulated, CC will contact WP members to invite them to review results. AS will then create a poll asking residents how they would like to review the results. There were suggestions such as Zoom meetings, full version of CQ responses (without the email addresses of respondents), summary of CQ responses via email. (Actions may needed by all SG members after this). **Assess Need for Further Consultation** This matter was deferred to the next meeting.
5. **Next Steps: Review of next steps in creating draft Policies:** It was noted that at some stage there should be consultation with local community groups (eg Acclimatise Whaley, Whaley Active, Whaley Bridge Amenity Society). **Role of AECOM**

MT will request AECOM for their final report in time for our meeting on Monday, 5th October. JP will supply a link to High Peak BC's 'Whaley Bridge Conservation Area Character Appraisal'; see **APPENDIX 1**. Note, also, at **APPENDIX 2 Biddulph Town Centre Design Codes Report**.

6. **Timeline and Project Management: Review of Timeline** It was noted that HB had seen the latest Timeline on the V4W website and had no comment. CC will add 414 email addresses captured from the CQ to the email list and AS will help with segmenting these into interest groups later. **Project Management** CC and AS will remove email addresses from the CQ responses, as they are no longer needed, to comply with the GDPR. HB advised that at some time owners of areas of land that were to be proposed as designated Local Green Spaces should be contacted; see **APPENDIX 3 Designation of Local Green Spaces**. CC will review how the '414' can be further involved with the WBNP.
7. **Funding:** It was noted that CC would make a claim for incidental expenditure which she had incurred.
8. **Town Council feedback:** JP reported that there was none from the August meeting and that he would draft a monthly report for the Town Council meeting on Thursday, 10th September.
9. **AOB: CQ Prize Voucher** CC will chase up the winner of the £50 voucher who had not responded to her notification by email. (NB Following the meeting, CC reported that the winner of the £50 prize voucher had been identified). **Jodrell Arms Hotel** It was noted that the owner of the Jodrell Arms had submitted two planning applications to HBPC for the approval of proposed alterations (HPK/2020/0321) and for Listed Building Consent (HPK/2020/0322). The building is a Grade II Listed Building (<https://britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/101088131-jodrell-arms-hotel-whaley-bridge#.X1pCT-eSka4>), which has been empty and unused for many years and which attracted comments in the responses to the CQ.

Next Meetings (via Zoom):

Friday, 2nd October at 9.30 – 11.30 am Special 'Mapping Policy Workshop' Meeting with HB

Monday, 5th October at 7.30 pm (subject to DW's confirmation; subsequently the date has been changed to Monday, 12th October 2020).

The meeting closed at 8.16pm.

APPENDIX 1: WHALEY BRIDGE CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL

The High Peak area (excluding the Peak District National Park) has 33 designated conservation areas. These are defined as ‘an area of special architectural or historic interest the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance’.

The Whaley Bridge Conservation Area was designated in 1987, extensions were added in 1994 and 2000. A detailed Character Appraisal for the area in May 2000 was completed in May 2000; it was subsequently reviewed and updated in accordance with the published English Heritage Guidance entitled ‘*Guidance on Conservation Area Appraisals - 2005*’.

The updated Appraisal was adopted in July 2008.

See:

https://www.highpeak.gov.uk/media/230/Whaley-Bridge-character-appraisal-adopted-July-2008/pdf/Final_Whaley_Bridge_CA.pdf and

<https://www.highpeak.gov.uk/media/2019/Whaley-Bridge-Conservation-Area-Map/pdf/WhaleyBridgeCAmap.pdf?m=1490875199373> (notice, in particular, the Glimpse Views and the Significant Views shown in the Maps).

APPENDIX 2: Biddulph Town Centre Design Codes Report

This report was prepared by AECOM to support Biddulph’s proposed Neighbourhood Development Order (NDO). It covers the Town Centre of Biddulph. The final version of this report was prepared on 3rd October 2019; see https://biddulph.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/004_DR10101_Biddulph-NP-Final-Design-Codes-Report.pdf.

APPENDIX 3 Designation of Local Green Spaces

A NOTE ON DESIGNATION OF LOCAL GREEN SPACES

See Paragraphs 96 -101, and in particular Paragraph 100, of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF):

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/810197/NPPF_Feb_2019_revised.pdf. Paragraph 100 reads:

‘100. The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is:

a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves

b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife

and c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land'.

Guidance for the designation of spaces as *Local Green Spaces* is set out in a 26-page toolkit 'Local Green Spaces' by Locality:

[file:///C:/Users/John%20Pritchard/Downloads/WNP%20Report%20to%20WBTC_files/Green-space-FINAL-FOR-MHCLG-FS-update-061218-1008-COMPLETED-JS-complete%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/John%20Pritchard/Downloads/WNP%20Report%20to%20WBTC_files/Green-space-FINAL-FOR-MHCLG-FS-update-061218-1008-COMPLETED-JS-complete%20(1).pdf)

There are several designations of other types which are considered in various ways in assessing the designation of a space as a Local Green Space. (NB Countryside Group has another 'working' document that shows the existing 'other designations' within the Neighbourhood Area). These other designations include:

- Green Belt
- Conservation Area
- SSSI
- Fields in Trust (NB The COGS (Community Organising Green Space) group in Furness Vale has obtained 'Fields in Trust' status and has secured the Trust's coveted 'Most Improved Award')
- Hedgerow Regulations 1997
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1997/1160/contents/made>
and <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1997/1160/note/made>
- Assets of Community Value
- Sports Pitches.

NB During the meeting, MT reported that he spoken with the Town Clerk of Biddulph Town Council. There are 88 proposed Local Green Spaces in the Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan; see Appendix 8 at <https://biddulph.co.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>, whereas there are only six areas designated as a Local Green Space in the Bollington Neighbourhood Plan which was 'made' on 1st June 2018.

Bollington has land inside the North Cheshire Green Belt but is on the fringe of the Peak District National Park. The Independent Examiner's Report is available at <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/pdf/planning/neighbourhood-plan/bollington/bollington-np-report-final-06.03.18.pdf>. His comments on Open Space and Local Green Space may be read at Section 4. See, in particular, his observations at Paragraphs 4.27 – 4.32 on Pages 15 - 17.