

## Minutes WBNP SG34

**Date: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021, 7.15pm**

**Venue: Videoconference meeting via Zoom**

**Present: Carol Cade (Chairman), Martin Thomas, Sally Kaill, Hannah Barter (left 7.30pm), John Pritchard (joined 7.25pm), and Alex Swift (joined 7.35pm).**

1. **Apologies for absence:** None
2. **Minutes of the last meetings:** The Minutes of the meetings held on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> January and Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were **AGREED** as correct records.
3. **Matters arising from minutes:** None.
4. **Consultation Strategy: Draft Policies** HB advised that she would attend our meeting with HPBC at 10pm on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021. The meeting will address the matter of the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and/or a Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA) (aka 'screening') to be carried out. A version of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan should be submitted to HPBC (and to Peak District National Park Planning Authority, who will not be able to attend this meeting, also) during April/May. Screening (and any consequential assessments) must be completed before the Regulation 14 stage ([The Neighbourhood Planning \(General\) Regulations 2012 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)). **AECOM Design Code Report** It was **AGREED** that MT would place the final AECOM Design Code Report (February 2021) in the public domain and that he would copy the landowners of the specified development sites in the Local Plan with a copy of the Design Code report prior to its publication to the wider public. **E newsletter (February 2021)** CC reported that the February e-newsletter had been sent to 612 emailboxes and opened at least once by 375 persons; a resend to 246 emailboxes had been opened at least once by a further 54 persons. CC will undertake one more resend.  
**Press Update** SK reported that the news item about the results of the Community Questionnaire had appeared on the Glossop Chronicle website ([What residents want for the future of Whaley Bridge - Quest Media Network - Tameside Radio, Tameside Reporter, Oldham Reporter, Glossop Chronicle](#)) and she would ask the Editor whether it would appear in a printed copy. A news item had also appeared in the Parish Magazine. She had had no reply from the Buxton Advertiser. **Consideration of Provisional Short List of Local Green Spaces suitable for Designation** See **APPENDIX 1.**

5. **Timeline and Project Management:** It was **AGREED** that approval for the draft Policy Map be sought from the Town Council in April. This document currently comprises four Policy Areas:
  - Growth and Employment
  - Heritage-led Regeneration
  - Environment and Climate Change
  - Transport and Infrastructureand for each Policy Area:
  - Its Purpose
  - Its Planning Rationale
  - Its Interpretation.
6. **Funding:** MT reported that the subscription to Wix ([www.wix.com](http://www.wix.com)), the website management tool, needed to be renewed. It was **AGREED** that he be authorised to renew the subscription for a two-year period. He also reported that a sum of £35 for posters was to be paid; SK reported that she had spotted one in Whaley Bridge.
7. **Town Council feedback:** MT reported that the Town Clerk was reporting expenditure eligible for funding from the Locality budget separately from that eligible for funding from the Town Council budget.
8. **AOB:** None.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

#### **Next Meetings (via Zoom):**

**10am Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (meeting with HPBC, PDNPA (apology received) and WBTC)**

**7pm Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**

#### **APPENDIX 1: Consideration of Provisional Short List of Local Green Spaces suitable for Designation**

The current 'Long List' contains 39 sites, three of which are duplicated. Of these 36 sites, 28 are currently marked S (Suitable for Designation) and 8 are marked U (Unsuitable for Designation) using the criteria in **Paragraph 100** of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) ([8. Promoting healthy and safe communities - National Planning Policy Framework - Guidance - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/promoting-healthy-and-safe-communities-national-planning-policy-framework-guidance)) and the Government document '*Guidance - Open space, sports and recreation facilities, public rights of way and local green space*' ([Open space, sports and recreation](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities-public-rights-of-way-and-local-green-space))

[facilities, public rights of way and local green space - GOV.UK](#)). A summary of this guidance is attached. The purposes of the discussion were to:

- change the current designation from S to U of any site suggested by any member of the Steering Group (a few sites were suggested)
- add any site suggested by any member of the Steering Group (one site was added).

It was **AGREED** that JP would send SG members a revised Long List, with Grid References of certain areas (to aid identification) and that the matter of the interpretation of 'in close proximity to the community it serves' and 'is local in character' (see: Section 7 of Locality's Toolkit for Neighbourhood Planners [Green-space-FINAL-FOR-MHCLG-FS-update-061218-1008-COMPLETED-JS-complete \(2\).pdf](#))

would be raised at the meeting with HPBC on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021.