

Minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Meeting of 17th May 2018

Present

Cee Martin
Bill Glasper
Paul Green
Mick Burton
Sue Moriarty
Jo O'Neill
Valerie Hawes
Gary Kirk – YourLocale
Clerk to the Council – Lesley Sanderson

Apologies

Jonny Grudgings
Cindy Andrews
Ann Parrott
John Martin

Consideration for the new Neighbourhood Plan - Bill Glasper

Bill introduced the meeting explaining that Great Glen's plan had taken a long time to put into place mainly as it was a fore runner of Neighbourhood plans and we had come across many sticking points in its progress. The Bovis land being one of them, it was designated as the most suitable plot on the SHLAA list by the committee for development. It was then advised by Historic England that it contained historical features of note and should be preserved. This had come to light at a late stage in the consultation and had to be removed and readdressed which took time.

Now the new SHLAA sites have been identified in the new local plan it is time to look critically at the sites along with other matters including the proposed Southern Expressway and to possibly consider a green wedge and tree preservations.

What Needs to Change? Power point demonstration by Gary (Slides Attached.)

Gary advised that Neighbourhood plans were moving forward and gaining more power. Policies were remaining in force until replaced by a revision or a new local plan.

Changes in legislation since the adoption now state that if a plan allocates sites for housing that only a 3 year land supply is necessary, otherwise it remains at 5 years. Below this level all development plan documents are classed as being out of date.

Other points to look at include:

- Policy GG18 Parking is worth discussing as it states it should include windfall sites, this was an omission from the first plan.
- Affordable Housing , a minor amendment should be made to ensure a fair mix of blocks of affordable housing to be provided in line with the current local authority target.
- Consideration should be given to allocating a site for development and the number of properties it should contain.
- Local Green Space needs revision.
- Public Open Space on St Cuthbert's to be removed
- Wildlife Corridor to be revisited
- TPO's for Glen Oaks to be looked at.
- Footpaths to be looked at as soon as possible
- Include a policy on sustainability and renewable energy production and water efficiency including Sustainable Drainage Schemes (SuDS) to manage water run-off through natural processes.

The Way Forward / Funding– Gary Kirk

It was first suggested that the group works in two groups one looking at housing and the other the environment. Site assessments will need to be done for housing and for the environment. It may however be better to keep the group together and all work on the aspects. The environmental work will require further mapping with the fields and local green space being most important.

Gary would work on further funding from Locality to finance the revision.

The Thorpes factory site, now abandoned was discussed and the Clerk requested to speak to John Thorpe regarding its future development and whether the preference is for employment or residential.

Future Meetings

It was discussed that the plan should be revised as quickly as possible to avoid unforeseen delays caused by developers etc. The next meeting should be held as soon as possible during June 2018.

The Meeting closed at 7.30pm with a future date discussed and the clerk to circulate options.