

## **BREDFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP**

Minutes of a meeting held Bredfield Chapel at 7.30pm Wednesday 17 June 2015

Present: Sir Nicholas Young (chair); Anne Henderson (vice-chair); David Hepper (secretary)

Group members: Karen Bowe; Linda Buckman; Vince Buckman; Denise Causier; Fiona Freeman; David Leyland; Sarah Rayner; Gina Saunders; Kath Woods

- 1 Apologies: Hassina Khan, Geoff Spain, Keith Derham
- 2 Minutes of the last meeting: were read and agreed as a true record. Points arising:
  - Nick Young confirmed that he, with Anne Henderson and David Hepper had confirmed the proposed border and discussed extensions at a meeting with Ms Hanslip at SCDC.
  - The Parish Boundary would be maintained as the proposed area but we were free to consult properties that abutted the boundary.
  - The Parish Council had been updated and had submitted a formal submission for the plan to SCDC.
  - David Hepper confirmed that he had a hard copy of the Local Plan
  - The special event for young people had still to be organised
- 3 Reports from Working Groups:
  - Business: work was progressing well in visiting premises in the Parish, with similar responses being given (liked rural location / poor broadband / no objection to other small businesses). It was suggested that the group could now expand and include companies outside the parish (e.g. BT, Gressingham Foods, Bus Companies etc.), and also cover Clubs and Amenities (eg Bowls Club, Church etc). Large landowners with interests in the village should also be approached, but this may be better done by the Chair/Vice-Chair and Secretary.
  - Housing: reported that a Housing Survey had been distributed to every house and the initial response appeared to be good. This was essentially to discover if there was a need for housing from within the community. From a quick look at the early returns, it was suspected that there would be little demand from within the Parish. There appeared to be a general consensus that 'starter' homes would be the most welcome. It was agreed that we should attempt to determine the demand for housing from those not already resident in the village, or for those with special needs.
  - Historic Environment: outlined their plan to identify the historic features of the village along with buildings and areas of interest. Some more liaison work needed to be done in meetings with local historians and other parties, but it was the aim to produce a map showing heritage assets. It was suggested that modern architecture could also be of value, and it was unanimously agreed that a diverse range of buildings was to be valued. This led to some discussion on whether 'style-guidance' should be included in the Plan, but this may offer difficulties, as it could lead to conflicts.

- Roads/Transport: indicated that they were initially concentrating on the two junctions with the A.12 and will liaise with the Highways Department to set up a dialogue about this. A petition was currently in circulation in the village on this matter. The overall aim was to accurately present the concerns of the villagers, businesses and road users. It was agreed that footpaths and cycle routes should be considered. Roads. Gina Saunders will be attending the launch of the SAVID (Safer Driving in Villages) campaign

- Natural Environment: their aim was to provide a structural plan to both stabilise and improve the environment. They already had access to the Hedgerow/Tree survey of the parish, and small surveys had been done of the churchyard and Jubilee Meadow. SWT had been contacted to investigate a possible survey and a meeting had taken place with Mr Barrington of the Bealings, who had already overseen such a survey. Nick Young was concerned that we properly identify the 'special places' in the parish that may need to be protected.

In a wider discussion of the work that had been carried out, and the way forward, it was agreed that there was a need for the group to define more closely at some point 'the distinctive character of the village' that we wish to preserve, and which developments should be in sympathy with.

- 4 Timetable: Nick Young indicated that he would like all working groups to have their work ready for a report by October, to allow a Household Questionnaire to be prepared for the New Year. In the meantime he would continue to keep in touch with Ms Hanslip and the planners at SCDC. Another meeting of the NPWG would be in September.
- 5 Parish Council: a formal application had been made and SCDC had acknowledged this and proposed the Consultation Period to be 24 June to 22 July. It was agreed that notices should go into the Lantern and as widely as possible, informing people of the fact.  
*(Action: DH to insert notice in Lantern)*
- 6 Future funding: Concern was expressed that there was a need to properly cost things out, which will allow us to bid for money, but at the moment there was uncertainty over exactly what would be needed – i.e. questionnaires, printing of reports etc. This would hopefully clarify itself later, but it must be firmed up.
- 7 Additional advice: if groups felt the need for outside assistance it should be sought; the environmental group's contact with SWT was noted and independent researchers/experts are available. Groups should identify what they need.
- 8 Recent planning application: Nick Young raised the question of how to handle large scale planning applications during this period, whilst the plan was being formulated. He advised the meeting that he had written to SCDC and suggested that a recently submitted application would be better delayed until the plan was complete. The meeting unanimously agreed that this line should be followed.
- 9 Any other business: Fiona Freeman agreed to join the Environmental Group. Some concern was expressed over publicity. It was agreed that regular pieces could appear in the Lantern, and the next edition of the Grundisburgh News should be utilised.

Anne Henderson urged everyone to spread the word about the Bredfield website, which will contain information.

*(Action: DH / AH – publicise the Group through Lantern/ GN / website)*

- 10 Date of next meeting: to be confirmed, but aimed to be in September, and it was hoped to be in the Bowls Club. In the meantime Nick Young proposed between now and September, that separate meetings be held between each group and the Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.50