

MINUTES FROM NDP MEETING (PUBLIC SESSION) – 7pm CHURCH HOUSE
4th April 2019

Attendance: Mike Hobbs **MH**; Peter Male **PM**; Julie Wheeldon **JW**; Keith Baker **KB**; Rob Humphries **RH**

Apologies: Georgina Kelly **GK**; Tom Wheeldon **TW** (Volunteer Secretary)

Other Attendees: Parish Councillor Appleby **AA**; + 4 Adult residents

The Chairman **MH** called the meeting to order.

The intention of the evening was to hold a 'Young Peoples' forum. As there were no young people actually in attendance, it was agreed that the NDPG would provide a latest update to all other attendees and then throw the meeting open to a Q&A Session.

1. Update from NDPG

JW provided an update to residents on the outcome of the PC/NDPG sub-group meeting on the previous evening (3rd April 2019). The locality funding application form has been finalised and fully agreed with the PC. The PC Clerk was to be tasked with submitting the funding application asap. **JW** offered to undertake the task if the PC Clerk was too busy at this time with other pressing demands (eg Parish Assembly; PC elections etc). **Cllr Appleby** assured the meeting that there would be no difficulty with the PC submitting the document.

A preferred consultant has been chosen from the 5 individual quotations received. The nominated Consultant has indicated there is approximately 11 weeks' worth of work to be undertaken. There is normally a 3 week turnaround period for funding approval. The process for approval of funding applications has not yet been opened for this financial year. The 'Locality' website indicates that the process should be open at some point in April.

KB Stressed the importance of continuing to engage with the community over the coming weeks.

2. Q&A Session

a) Employment

Discussion unfolded around the topic of employment, and the relatively high proportion of residents who work from home. It was felt important that there should be an adequate infrastructure in place to support this.

b) Site Selection

A question was asked concerning the site selection process.

"At this time nothing has been progressed on the subject of 'Site Selection'. We do not necessarily have to identify specific sites as part of an NDP, but if it is determined through public consultation that sites should be selected then the public will be consulted with closely in order to arrive at a satisfactory outcome".

c) Future of Abbots Bromley School

Discussion continued around the uncertain future of Abbots Bromley School, and the importance of the NDP in support of protecting the site.

KB Stressed the importance of the Parish NDP being completed as quickly as possible in order to be able to influence any future development intentions.

Discussion ensued around Listed Buildings in the parish. The PC is keen to get an understanding of what is currently 'Listed' and if we need to add to the list.

"Most of the buildings/ structures that attract National Listed status have already been identified, and are contained in the relevant Heritage documentation (eg ESBC Conservation Area Appraisal). It may be possible to create a 'local' list of Heritage asset buildings/structures that are not officially classified as being 'Listed'?"

ACTION: **NDPG** to investigate the creation of a local list of Heritage asset buildings / structures that reflect the local Heritage and Conservation of the parish.

JW has been tasked with investigating whether 'Article 4' Planning Legislation can be applied to the AB School site. This would create 'planning conditions' for developers to have to meet in relation to such sites. It also puts extra control on permitted development (e.g. change of use).

ACTION: **JW** Investigate whether 'Article 4' Planning Legislation can be applied to the AB School site.

d) Young People

Discussion continued on matters affecting the young people of the parish, and why they may or may not wish to live in Abbots Bromley. A number of suggested lines of enquiry were put forward to ask of any future community survey (eg 'Did you live in the parish as a child?' 'Have you lived away from the parish and moved back. If so, when and why?')

Investigation was considered into whether any of the school sites could be classified as community assets. (eg 'The Lowers' ABSA site, The Nuttery). This could also provide an extra degree of protection to these sites.

ACTION: **NDPG** Investigate whether any of the school sites could be classified as community assets. (eg 'The Lowers' ABSA site, The Nuttery).

e) Engagement with the community

Feedback on the best way to engage with the community was felt to be 'face to face' canvassing. The whole of the parish would need to be covered.

3. Closing Remarks

MH Highlighted the need for a careful approach by the NPDG to the 'Draft Consultation' phase. It is easy to give an impression to developers that decisions have already been made by the public when going to 'Draft'. Evidence from other parish NDP's indicate that such impressions are acted upon vigorously by developers who force Planning Applications through whilst citing the Draft Plan as being the 'green light' for development.

The meeting closed at 9pm. The NDPG are grateful to the attendees for their valuable contribution.

4. Agenda, date and time of next meeting

These minutes will inform the items for the next Agenda.

ACTION: MH to produce Agenda and distribute for comment at least 48hrs before the next meeting.

All **ACTION** points to be processed. If there are any problems in completing **ACTION's** get in touch with the committee for assistance ASAP.

Next meeting: 25th April 2019 – 7pm – Church House

ACTION: TW to book the room.

**THE NEXT PUBLIC SESSION WILL BE ON THURSDAY 2nd MAY 2019
7pm CHURCH HOUSE.**

THE TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION WILL BE:

'HOUSING NEEDS ANALYSIS'