

Much Birch Neighbourhood Development Plan

Record of Much Birch Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering group meeting

31 May 2018 at Much Birch Community Hall

Present. Steering Group; Dave Goldsmith (Chairman) , Lesley Gare, Martin Booy, Tricia Egerton, Chris Grover , Steve Turner (PC), Roisin Burge (PC), Bill Bloxsome (Data Orchard)

1. Apologies Shirley Coates, Geoff Nichol

2. Declarations of Interest. There were no declarations of interest.

3. Approval of Record/notes from meeting 26 April 2018

The record was agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting of 26 April 2018

4. Matters arising.

(1) Settlement Boundaries update on Parish plan.

The Chairman reported that the settlement boundaries as they are set out on previous plans (Parish plan 2004) have now been included/clearly identified in the updated large map of Much Birch Parish. This map was purchased and used for parishioner reference at the initial NDP parish consultation event and with updating will be used for future NDP public consultation events.

The need for further updating to include the sites of all planning permissions granted by Herefordshire Council since 2011 was agreed. Action RB to contact Karla Johnson (Snr Planning Officer) for records. Chairman/Vice Chair to update plan.

5. Review of written (1st draft) NDP policies and actions to take forward.

The five priority areas identified by residents of the parish (NDP Community survey 2017) for the future development of Much Birch NDP are as recorded :

Environment

Housing

Roads and Traffic

Community Services

Employment.

It was agreed that the first drafts of policies associated with the five areas would be passed to Bill B (Data Orchard) for review and further development. Bill stressed the need for policies to reflect what the community have said and the requirements and guidance of national/local policies. Bill undertook to prepare and circulate a second draft of MB policies for further discussion of Additions/amendments/options at the next NDP meeting planned for 28 June 2018 .

6/7. Further consideration and development of criteria for Assessment of sites proposed for future housing development.

The sequence of development of **Criteria for assessment of sites** was agreed as follows:

Agreement and confirmation of the MB NDP policies will be followed by further consideration of the development of criteria for Assessment of sites. Note: The group have undertaken some initial work on this based on Community consultation /survey 2017 and review of a standard range of criteria and critical issues. This work will now be followed up with more detailed consideration of the 26 areas (Criteria) identified for inclusion and a 'match /fit check' consideration against agreed policies.

The agreed **Criteria for assessment of sites** will then be passed to Mr Bill Bloxsome (Data Orchard) who will carry out an independent professional assessment of the sites submitted (Community consultation 2017) and make recommendations based on the criteria.

In the interim Mr Bloxsome will be making early contact with all land owners who have submitted sites for consideration.

The results of the assessment will be presented at the next MB Parish Community consultation event (Autumn 2018).

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Finance.

Thanks were extended to Chris G for his work in successfully securing financial grant support for the next stage of Much Birch NDP development.

Date of next meeting Thursday 28 June 2018

7.30pm Much Birch Community Hall