

**BRAMPTON ABBOTTS & FOY  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP**

**Minutes of meeting  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.30pm  
At 7 Wellmead.**

In attendance:

Chairman - Cllr David Teague; Stuart Fraser; Graham Marsh; Cllr Isabel Pebody; Cllr John Sherahilo; Cllr George Watts;  
Elizabeth Malcolm -Parish Clerk.

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Robert Lewis
2. Declarations of Interest - updates on information recorded for the meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> January '17:

Stuart Fraser - also has long term rental interest in land behind his house and an architect that he has used has an interest in land off Turners Lane upon which two applications for housing had been approved.

Graham Marsh declared employment as Chartered Engineer

David Teague confirmed he had objected to planning proposal from Mr Fraser. This already noted on minutes presented for the meeting.

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 were noted and approved.
4. Matters Arising not on the agenda - none.
5. Parish planning applications update - it was noted that applications 163302 Townsend Farm and 163759 Phocle Green had both been refused since last meeting. Details available from the HCC Planning website might inform considerations for NDP.

The Chairman reported that Ward Cllr Durkin had met with the developers proposing 10 houses South of Church Road (Application no 163755). It was noted that if this application was passed only one more house would be required to meet the remaining minimum number of 11 houses required under the Core Strategy.

The meeting considered the extract on strengthening neighbourhood planning from the recently published Government White Paper.

6. NDP progression

Discussion took place of the Character of BA & F as a dispersed community with linear development and the fact that Foy and Rudhall were considered outside the area for development. The meeting noted that Much Marcle NDP Group is challenging this concept for its parish and is to have a separate meeting with Hereford Council later in February. The Much Marcle NDP Chairman has agreed to speak with DT after that meeting. The meeting agreed that it should keep the matter under review and consider a meeting with Hereford Council.

The meeting noted the 2011 census information for the Parish and the the fact that the population seems to have increased by 50% since 2001 with little increase in housing.

- **GM** agreed to coordinate with Michael Wellock to seek clarification on **Stage 1 (regulation 5)** 'Defining the neighbourhood area' is in hand and Affordable Housing.

- **Vision Statement** - various suggestions were put forward. It was agreed to ask **SF to coordinate the compilation** of the Vision Statement. **Each member of the group to provide SF with one sentence / 3 points (only).**
  - Section 6-(settlement boundary / call for sites) Option A or B or a hybrid for allocation of land plus land outside Brampton. **GM agreed to discuss this with Michael Wellock** and obtain advice on how to set criteria. The meeting agreed that the selection of the right option is crucial and a decision was deferred for further consideration. DT mentioned that Michael Wellock was of the view that we could be selective in terms of where we set the Brampton settlement boundary. We could for example include Gatsford Lane within the settlement if it met the criteria.
  - DT presented a discussion document of Characteristics of the Parish, Conservation Assets / Community facilities and Employment. **All of group asked to consider** and submit additional or amendments and categorise the entries.
  - DT presented a schedule of Heritage Assets. Section 1,2,3 are registered / protected. Section 4 those identified as of importance by Pevsner, Section 5 from HCC Sites & Monuments Record (<http://htt.herefordshire.gov.uk/her-search/>) indicative only (see disclaimer on site). **All to consider** merits for Conservation / Facilities.
  - Employment schedule - **DT to update** from discussions at meeting. **All to consider** if there are enterprises they would consider not be suitable for the area (eg Polytunnel farming, etc.)
  - Traffic Management - **GW to look into** opportunities for traffic calming and safety measures for increased traffic levels. Key danger spots had been identified by the group at Gatsford crossroads with A449, Crossroads to Rudhall on A4221 Phocle Green road and the Ross Road into BA. The comments from the transportation dept that the road to Ross is considered dangerous and from Welsh Water that the mains sewer was up to capacity and could not take any more until the treatment plant had extra capacity in 2020 were noted. It was agreed that we should consult both organisations to seek clarity when we had further developed our thoughts on the NDP.
  - Discussion of developments for Wind Turbines, Solar farms, hydro-electric schemes from old canal at PGL Foy. **All to consider** their view on benefit/threats to the Parish.
  - Discussion of opportunities for development of old railway line as a walking route. Importance of Wye Valley Route re-confirmed.
7. Date of Next Meeting **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 07:30 pm** in Brampton Abbotts village hall.

Group asked to feedback as identified above as quickly as possible to enable Michael Wellock time to encompass into next draft for this meeting.