



Brockhampton Group Parish Council

Notes of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Steering Group meeting

Held on Wednesday 18th April 2018 at Bromyard and Winslow Town Council Offices

Present: Peter Stoddart (steering Group Chairman), Paul Friend (Parish Group Chairman), David Hunter-Miller (Parish Clerk), Dr David Boddington (Parish Councillor), Dave Cave (Parish Councillor), Kristine Goodman, David Forster, Harvey Horsnett, Tamla Bowdler, Clive Morris and Dr David Nicholson.

Apologies: Ian Raven.

Item 1 - Introduction.

The meeting opened at 6 PM. The Chair welcoming everyone and introduced Dr David Nicholson.

Item 2 – Background and contextualisation of the Parishes.

The Chair introduced this item as an opportunity for Dr David Nicholson, our consultant, to gain exposure to the three parishes.

Paul Friend raised his concern about house prices across the three parishes and that it was his wish to promote and enhance the three parishes whilst retaining young people.

Clive Morris had concerns about the number of holiday homes in the Bringsty area.

Tamla Bowdler expressed her concern about the Steering Group representation and stated that it mirrored the age of the Parish Council. She believed that more should be done to bring younger member of the community onto both. She also stated that she believed that Bromyard had a large online community and that the NDP Steering Group should exploit this medium.

Kristine Godman raised four issues that should be considered by the NDP SG. 1 - Biodiversity and the protected status of the area, 2 Recreation and Tourism, 3 Agricultural and farming and 4 Housing types.

Dr David Boddington provided a historical background to the Parishes since he had arrived in 1959. He stated that a number of council houses had been provide for farm labourers. He further stated his concerns regarding the “open sky” ground.

Dr David Nicholson also explained that we should seek to delineate the Linton boundary.

Following this lively and involved discussion it was agreed that the following NDP SG members would assume the following responsibilities:



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Dr David Boddington – Ecological aspects of the NDP.

Tamla Bowdler – Demographic aspects and housing.

Kristine Goodman – Farming aspects

Paul Friend - Recreation

Item 3 – Update on grant application

The Chair then provided an update on the status of the grant application which has been submitted by the Clerk but that we had not yet received formal confirmation that it had been approved.

Dr David Nicholson then provided an outline on how the NDP stages: 1 questionnaire, 2 call for sites for development, 3 writing of the draft plan, 4 comments back. Six months later a referendum would be held.

The Chair then briefed the NDP SG on his proposal for groupings to assist in the distribution of mail drops. Members felt that the size of some of the groupings were too large and should be re-evaluated. The issue of distribution by address or by name was discussed with a decision put off until the next meeting.

Members of the NDP SG asked for a copy of Dr Nicholson's quote for the contract. The Clerk agreed that this would be provided to them via email.

Item 4 – Future work

As time was late, no further agenda items were covered.

All present agreed that the next meeting would address two issues: the timeline and what to achieve.

Item 5 – Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 30th May at 6PM in the Bromyard and Winslow Town Council Offices.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Electronically signed

PJ STODDART MBE
Chair
NDP Steering Group