

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BURNTWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE OLD MINING COLLEGE CENTRE, QUEEN STREET, BURNTWOOD  
ON TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2017 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Mosson (in the Chair)  
Councillors Mrs Conolly, Mrs Evans and Mrs Stokes

**In attendance**

Mrs M Danby, Chief Executive Officer  
Ms J Minor, Senior Administration Officer  
M Wellock, Kirkwells Consultancy  
V Chamberlain, Burntwood Action Group  
S Caron, Burntwood Action Group  
S Norman  
K Stanley  
Mrs J Taylor  
Mrs S Fletcher

**24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors Mrs Banevicius and Constable  
Mr Holdsworth and Pastor Lewis

**25. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

None declared.

**26. MINUTES**

The Chairman made reference to Page 14 Para 6 (Page 15 of the Plan - Early History of Burntwood's Settlements) and stated that "Burntwode" should be amended to read "Burntwood" and "Brendewode" should be amended to read "Burntwode".

Mr Stanley made reference to Page 14 Para 5 (Page 14 of the Plan - Figure 2 – Burntwood Population Comparison Graph) and stated that the word "could" should be amended to "would". Mr Stanley produced the graph which he had previously shown to the Committee.

The Chairman made reference to Page 14 Para 12 (Page 25 of the Plan – Objectives) and stated that it was agreed that these be changed to bullet points. Mr Wellock strongly recommended that the word "Objective" be kept as this would be expected by the Independent Examiner.

Councillor Mrs Evans made reference to Page 31 of the Plan and stated that the word "Emanuel" should be spelt "Emmanuel" and that the whole of Policy B1, Page 30 should refer to Burntwood and not Chase Terrace.

The Chairman made reference to Policy B2, Page 35 and stated that "Chase Terrace" should be replaced with "Burntwood".

Mrs Taylor made reference to a conflict of interest with regard to Mr Jarvis (officer at LDC). The Chairman stated that he had received confirmation from both Mr King and Ms Nahal that there was no conflict of interest as Mr Jarvis was giving no more than professional advice and fulfilling his role as an officer.

Mrs Fletcher made reference to Page 15 Para 15 and confirmed that she had also attended and identified the green spaces together with the Chairman, Mrs Taylor and Councillor Mrs Evans.

**RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Burntwood Neighbourhood Plan Committee held on 01 November 2016 (Minute Nos. 20-23) be received and approved.

## **27. PRESENTATION BY BURNTWOOD ACTION GROUP**

The Chairman introduced Mr Simon Caron, who was representing the Burntwood Action Group, to the Committee who stated that BAG had a clear alternative vision for Burntwood. The Chairman confirmed that himself, Councillor Mrs Evans and Mrs Taylor had already seen the presentation and that this was an ideal opportunity for Mr Wellock to see the presentation and hopefully if agreed, to bring some of the content into the Neighbourhood Plan.

Mr Norman stated that he felt that as the Committee did not have chance to look and consider the presentation before the meeting, another meeting after this one should be called to consider the presentation.

Mr Chamberlain apologised for the short period of time which was necessary to bring this to the Committee's attention. Mr Caron stated that BAG has never said no to housing however, it must be on sustainable brownfield sites. Mr Caron said that BAG had looked at access, industrial and commercial outlets (namely the concrete works in Chorley Road; Mount Road; Queen Street (Collis and Sons) and Milestone Way) and shopping areas.

Mr Caron stated that instead of getting wider we need to look at what we have already got. With regard to shops, Mr Caron stated that we needed to create a heart (lost our centre) i.e. incorporating the Olaf Johnson site and not the blue boarding site.

It was noted that one of the landowners for the Mount Road industrial site was LDC and BAG had suggested a relocation of this area.

Mr Chamberlain acknowledged that the presentation needed "more meat on the bone" and Members felt that a lot of what BAG were suggesting was already in the Neighbourhood Plan. Mr Chamberlain stated that Burntwood had already exceeded its housing allocation whereas Lichfield City had not, even though developers had planning permission they were not bringing them forward.

The Chairman asked for Mr Wellock's initial thoughts and how the BAG vision would potentially fit into the Neighbourhood Plan. Mr Wellock stated that he had not seen the detail however the only thing that matters is the National Planning Policy and LDC must demonstrate exceptional circumstances to change Green Belt boundaries. Mr Wellock stated that we must look at site specific and forget about access, etc. Mr Wellock said that the Neighbourhood Plan and LDC's Local Plan run to their own timetables. Mr Wellock reminded the Committee that the qualifying body is the Town Council and that we had already undertaken a certain amount of consultation and that we needed to be careful what we "draw across" and this is only one group's view.

Mr Stanley stated that in principle he liked the vision, i.e. land swapping. Mr Norman asked if BAG had spoken to LDC regarding the presentation and Mr Caron confirmed that they had and that officers felt that it was not impossible to achieve but more detail was needed.

Members felt that in the best interests of Burntwood, it would be better to delay the Neighbourhood Plan until after the Land Allocations Policy consultation. However, Mr Wellock said that this was a "major leap of faith" and that LDC's Local Plan had its own timetable and would run the risk that if LDC did change to the BAG vision there may not be a need for a Neighbourhood Plan. Mr Wellock recommended that the Committee should focus on the Plan (site specific) as LDC officers can only recommend (do not make decisions) and the District Council must look at the whole picture.

Mr Chamberlain informed the Committee that BAG had until 12 May to submit a formal document to LDC; a public meeting at St Matthews Sports and Social Club would be held on 26 April where there would be more "meat on the bone" and that BAG had been invited to give a presentation to the Town Council on 10 May.

It was **AGREED** that a further meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee would be held late May/early June however in the meantime if Committee members had any further amendments to the Plan they should submit these to the Senior Administration Officer.

(The Meeting closed at 8.05 pm)

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