

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BURNTWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE HELD AT THE OLD
MINING COLLEGE CENTRE, QUEEN STREET, CHASETOWN
ON MONDAY 12 MARCH 2018 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM

PRESENT

Councillor Mosson (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs Bacon, Mrs Banevicius, Birch, Mrs Conolly (from 7:04 pm) and Mrs Fisher

In attendance

J Brown, Interim Town Clerk

Ms J Minor, Senior Administration Officer (SAO)

M Wellock, Kirkwells Consultancy

V Chamberlain, Burntwood Action Group (BAG)

Mrs S Fletcher

Pastor Lewis

S Norman

K Stanley

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Humphreys

Mr Holdsworth

Mrs Taylor

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None declared.

14. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Burntwood Neighbourhood Plan Committee held on 05 September 2017 (Minute Nos. 5-11) be received and approved.

15. BURNTWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Mosson explained that the whole purpose was to merge the previous Plan with the BAG Vision ensuring that it conformed to Lichfield District Council's Local Plan Strategy, National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) etc. Councillor Mosson asked Mr Wellock to explain the challenges of this.

Mr Wellock said that he felt that it was worthwhile re-capping on where the Town Council was now. As a result of these changes the Burntwood Neighbourhood Development Plan was being re-published for informal consultation. Once approved, a Regulation 14 Draft Plan would be prepared and published for a six weeks formal consultation (to include people who live, work and carry out their business in the area). After the consultation the Plan will be amended and

submitted to Lichfield District Council for a further minimum 6 weeks consultation before the Plan is subjected to an examination and then referendum.

Mr Wellock explained that he had tried to keep the essence of the BAG Vision within the amended Plan.

Mr Wellock explained the key changes namely (1) focus on each of the centres (BAG Vision), however, Mr Wellock did point out that aspirations do not necessary turn into policy; (2) up the presentation of the document (better images were still needed); (3) what form the consultation takes; and (4) to be happy with the wording (general thrust). Mr Wellock asked if Members could email the SAO so that comments could be co-ordinated.

Councillor Mosson asked Mr Chamberlain if BAG were happy with the document as it stands. Mr Chamberlain stated that BAG had not really seem the document due to timescales however he felt that it capsulizes the essence of the BAG Vision.

Mr Norman made reference to Page 16 and in particular the Figure 2 - Burntwood Population Comparison graph. Mr Stanley confirmed that this new graph was at his request as he felt that the new graph was now much clearer to understand. Mr Norman also pointed out that the A5190 ran through Burntwood.

Councillor Birch made reference to Page 17 and felt that some of the information was out of date. Councillor Birch made reference to Page 20, Para 3.10 and said that the children's centre at Boney Hay had closed some time ago. Mr Wellock said that slight amendments would be needed.

Mr Norman made reference to Page 22, Para 3.15 and felt that since the recent round of costs that some parts of the area have less access to public transport, such as Boney Hay, and, overall Sunday services were very poor and not just poor. Councillor Birch also made reference to Page 22 and felt that social housing needed to include Midland Heart, Waterloo and Sanctuary not just Bromford.

Mr Norman made reference to Page 23, Paras 3.17 and 3.20 and felt that the paragraphs were contradicting to a degree. Mr Wellock said that he would change the last sentence of Para 3.17.

Mr Norman made reference to Page 23, Para 3.19 and felt that the first sentence did not make sense to him. Mr Wellock said that he would reconsider the wording.

Mr Norman made reference to Page 24, Para 3.20 and stated that the Chasetown Wakes needed to be changed to Burntwood Wakes.

Mr Norman made reference to Page 24, Para 3.22 and stated that Chasewater Nature Park was just known as Chasewater. Mr Norman stated that the new Chase Retail Outlet Park was known as Mill Green and felt that "whilst visitors and tourists are in the area they must be" he felt that it was more appropriate to use the words "could be". Councillor Birch asked if a "coach park" site had been identified as he felt that as the Town Council had specifically mentioned it, it needed to be identified.

Pastor Lewis stated that the retail development on the former Olaf Johnson site had already stated and having asked the contractors he had established that they would be on site for approximately six/seven weeks. Pastor Lewis stated that he had spoken to several traders at Sankeys Corner and had received mixed feelings from the traders (some had raised concerned

about their livelihoods). Councillor Mrs Fisher stated that this had been discussed at the Town Deal Meeting held on 09 March 2018 and that this had been taken on board.

Mr Norman made reference to Page 25, Para 3.24 and in particular “A” level course work. Mr Stanley stated that this needed to be made more generic.

Mr Norman made reference to Page 25, Para 3.26 and in particular that the Health and Well Being Centre was unlikely to be granted planning permission for another temporary period. Mr Wellock stated that he would need help with the wording for this paragraph. Mr Norman also said that the two new health centres promised were following the closure of Hammerwich Hospital.

Councillor Birch made reference to Page 30, Para 5 and in particular what was meant by “particularly around terraces”. Mr Wellock stated that this included high housing density areas and that perhaps the sentence needed to be expanded.

Mr Norman made reference to Page 36, Para 7.4 and asked that the “underline” be removed. Mr Norman also made reference to the wording “Town Square”. Mr Chamberlain stated that these were pedestrian areas with retail built around and that it was BAGs wish would be to remove car traffic (aspirational). Mr Wellock stated that all ideas must translate into planning policy.

Councillor Birch made reference to Page 38 (c) and asked that “this was due to start February 2018) be removed.

Councillor Birch made reference to Page 49 and in particular the key to maps 5, 6, 7 and 8 and felt that this should be moved to the bottom of Page 51. Councillor Birch made reference to Page 51 – Policy Map 6 - Swan Island and asked that the blue line be extended to include the flower shop, butchers etc in Rugeley Road. Councillor Birch made reference to Pages 52 (Policy Map 6 – Ryecroft Shops) and Policy Map 8 (Morley Road Shops) and asked if these could be lined blue (protected retail frontages).

Mr Norman made reference to Page 57 and asked what Lichfield District Council’s views were on “enhancing the identity and distinctiveness of local neighbourhoods”. Mr Wellock stated that Objective 3 was also in the previous Plan and it was hoped that Lichfield District Council would generally be supportive of it.

Mr Norman made reference to Page 73 and stated that Ryecroft Park was known as Chaseview Park. Councillor Birch asked if the football pitches behind Burntwood Memorial Hall could be included within Policy 10 – Local Green Spaces. Mr Wellock stated that the Burntwood Memorial Hall pitches could be included within Policy 9 – Protecting and Enhancing Local Sport and Recreation Facilities. Mr Norman asked if Maple Close could also be included.

Councillor Birch made reference to Page 82 – Policy B12 – Retaining and Enhancing Existing Community Facilities and stated that the police station needed to be removed as the building was going up for sale. The Interim Town Clerk said that the word “former” could be added to the wording and pointed out that the word “Centre” needed to be added at the end of the Old Mining College.

Councillor Birch made reference to Page 85 and stated that Mary Danby’s name needed to be removed and that the correct address needed to be added.

Mr Norman stated that he was happy to provide photographs for the Plan.

Pastor Lewis made reference to the loss of the last bank in Burntwood and asked what influence the Town Council have on the banks (way and means to influence a bank). Pastor Lewis felt that with the new retail development there should be a new bank. The Interim Town Clerk stated that if there is a commercial market in the future a bank may come back to the Town. Mrs Fletcher made reference to a planning application for change of use of the Post Office (Boora Newsagents and Post Office, 5 Cannock Road, Chase Terrace) into a dental surgery.

Councillor Mosson stated that valid points had been made by the Committee Members and that he was keen to get the Plan moving. Councillor Mosson informed Committee Members that these minutes together with the Plan would be going to the Town Council Meeting on 15 March 2018.

Mr Wellock stated that a target date was needed and that the Town Council needed to wait for the formal comments from the consultation events before submitting to Lichfield District Council. To meet Regulation 14 Mr Wellock reminded Committee Members that the Town Council needed a six week formal consultation. Mr Wellock stated that he would provide a “key dates” programme with say Friday 20 April being the start date. Mr Wellock reminded Committee Members that the comments received from the consultation events would need to be looked at by the Neighbourhood Plan Committee and the Town Council and that the comments needed to be documented (how the Town Council have treated the comments – a clear audit trail).

Councillor Mosson stated that two consultation events would be held (at the Library and Old Mining College Centre) and that the launch event would be on 28 April 2018 between 10 am and 2 pm.

(The Meeting closed at 8:05 pm)

Signed

Date