

Present: David Cornish (chair) Graham Jukes Allan Gibson  
Andrew Pearce Roger Marshallsay Pauline Grainger  
Roland Cundy

**AGENDA**

Moving forwards

**MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021 were approved. A hard copy will be filed and an electronic version sent to the parish clerk for inclusion on the FNDP webpage.

**ACTIONS**

1. DC speak to RM and agree who will submit Locality Grant application asap. Agenda item, CLOSED
2. DC re-order reserve list for PMG meeting 27-7-21. Actioned. CLOSED
3. AG make contact with Jonathan Jarman, Bell Cornwell. Email exchange has taken place and zoom meeting arranged for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August. CLOSED
4. DC send AG Longwater Rd response letter. Actioned. CLOSED

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DC questioned how much had been paid to Bell-Cornwell to date and although no-one was able to state an exact figure it was felt in the grand scheme of things it was not a significant amount, most of the money having been spent on the survey and consultation.

DC would like to bring the proposed list of sites to a conclusion and felt a further meeting with the Borough Councillors and JM could achieve this.

DC reported following discussion RM was still uncomfortable with the application for the allocated housing grant. It was agreed that DC would apply for the remaining £1400 approx. and would apply (on behalf of the Parish) for the grant (£8k) for the allocated housing asap.

The majority of the members of the SG agreed

- there was no housing allocation in 1st draft; sites had been found for additional allocated houses in 2nd draft
- the original plan allowed for 15 units and we are now proposing sites which could deliver in total 175 units
- Locality can refuse the grant if we don't fulfil the criteria
- the additional grant would take the pressure off the financial delivery of the FNDP and if not required would be returned

AG has forwarded the Reg 14 Consultation Report to JM (WBC) but as he was away last week there has currently been no comment. It will go on the FNDP website once WBC has given its approval. They have not been asked to comment.

AG has replied to Bewley Home's letter re Church Farm development.

AG reported we need to get the timing right and scale of allocated housing for the second focused consultation. Whilst JA has amended the Project Plan it is still not set in stone. He would like DC to speak to the Borough Councillors to see if they have any more information on the LPU.

AG mentioned that there has been coverage in the local press on further housing in the Hall Farm area and PG mentioned that a petition had been started on a local Facebook group to save Ravenswood. AG thought in the current political climate and under current guidance on social care the petition was unlikely to be successful.

DC agreed to finalise the Housing Topic Paper and the re-draft of the plan itself, omitting for the time being the section on housing numbers and site allocation. It was agreed the updated plan was reliant on this.

AG opened up discussions about further risks arising out of the delay with the plan:

Allocated housing itself

Housing site locations could fragment residents of parish as site are not evenly distributed across parish

Loss of members from team of volunteers

Length of time project taking – how long can we expect people to remain on board?

Overall it was felt these can all be mitigated by keeping up the momentum and pressing ahead with the project aiming to get the plan to WBC for Reg 16 approval before the end of the year.

GJ felt the need for a large number of volunteers had passed as most of the work was now refining the detail. It was down to a few core people to achieve this. The critical point to achieve this is to nail down the housing allocation. Following further discussion on the way forward it was decided by a majority to push ahead with the allocated sites, as agreed by the SG/PMG on their meetings of 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021, and offer this list to WBC: namely the 11 sites discussed with the Parish and Borough Councillors which offer up 175 units, now called the “Green List”

Points raised in discussion:

- should negotiate hard and start with absolute minimum number
- long negotiation period just delays project moving forward
- should put forward a number that is “reasonable” in the light of the indicated housing number of 250-500
- need to control the process ourselves
- the “green list” arose out of a process driven procedure with no political overtones which can be fully justified to the residents
- we know the parish and Borough Councillors will support the “green list”
- a reasonable pitch of 175 units (with the capacity to step up) is a powerful position
- WBC have to check our plan for incompatibility with the LPU; they do not have to necessarily like it

DC will communicate this decision to the Borough Councillors and AG will present it to JM at their next meeting

#### AOB

RC requested that the next meeting be held in the Library at FBC. It was agreed to delay meeting for one week to enable all to attend and AP will ask KD if we can book the library

Meeting closed 10.20am

Date of next meeting: 31st August 9.30am, **FBC library**

Signed as a true record of the meeting: .....

Date:.....

#### Actions

- 1 DC prepare application for remaining Locality Grant and additional Allocated Housing grant
- 2 DC speak to SW for latest information on LPU
- 3 DC relay decision on allocated sites to Borough Councillors
- 4 AG relay decision on allocated sites to JM (WBC)
- 5 DC finalise Housing Topic paper and amended Draft FNDP
- 6 AP Book FBC library with KD for next meeting, 31<sup>st</sup> August