

## **Lound Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

Held on Thursday 26th October 2017 in Lound Village Hall at 8pm.

**Present:** Michael Naylor (Chair), Carol Green, Andrew Perkins, Colin Beaumont, Nick Prout, Rod Austin, Karen Pollard.

**Apologies Received:** Bob Lane.

**Declaration of Interest:** None

**Minutes of Meeting held 21 September 2017:** Confirmed as a true record.

### **Matters arising:-**

1. Scoping Report and Landowner responses. Luke Brown unable to attend meeting therefore the queries regarding data provided on dwellings within the various Council Tax Bands and Non-designated Heritage Assets remain outstanding.

**Action: Michael to remind Luke to seek fresh information from the Rating Office and advise. Also check for a map of the whole village showing the Non-designated Heritage Assets and compare with register at BDC.**

2. Responses from Landowners. See Site Assessment below.

3. Review of NP section of Village Website. This has been completed as far as possible. All relevant information is shown in a logical format although (due to design problems) there remain some extraneous items which may be removed in due time. Future postings to be coordinated by one member of the Group and for the time being this will be Colin.

A vote of thanks was passed to Alan Jones, who manages the website, for the considerable work he has done on our behalf both previously and during implementation of the amendments.

**Financial Report:** Produced by Michael showing £6,046.25 available from the Groundworks Grant and £10,000 from the Big Lottery Fund Grant. Both Grant providers require reports from us and re-application for funds.

**Action : Michael to assess future requirements and re-apply.**

### **Preparation of the draft Neighbourhood Plan**

Nick has reviewed the work in progress, suggested amendments and consolidated the individual sections into one document. Further progress largely dependent on Sites Assessment.

**Action : Colin to circulate consolidated document to Group members who MUST destroy/delete earlier material to avoid confusion.**

**Site Assessment :** 23 sites have been identified either through our Residents' Survey or earlier enquiries which Bassetlaw District Council made of landowners. Initially (Spring 2017) BDC were to write to owners of the sites asking whether they were available for house building. We were assured this had been done and replies received. Details of these sites were to be passed by BDC to Shane Scollard of AECOM, who would undertake the assessment of

their suitability for development. Due, probably, to the changes in personnel at BDC the situation has become confused. It appears that (1) not all landowners received BDC's letter, (2) a reply/replies from a landowner/landowners was/were misplaced, (3) BDC's letter led to confusion regarding the timing of availability and (4) an inaccurate map of the sites was being used (this despite our strenuous and sustained efforts to ensure accuracy of the map).

Michael and Nick have exchanged considerable correspondence with all parties over recent weeks but the situation still needs clarification before the site assessment process can be started.

This process was to have been undertaken on our behalf to preserve our impartiality. However, the need for accuracy and fairness to all necessitates some contact with landowners and Nick has been empowered to check, where necessary, that BDC have written and collated appropriately.

**Action : Michael to arrange a meeting with Luke Brown and the Steering Group as soon as practicable.**

**Other Business :** Letter passed to us from Lound Parish Council for attention. This was from a local Estate Agent acting on behalf of a parishioner who has a property for sale. The property includes land with possible development potential, hence is included in the site assessment.

**Action : Michael to re-direct the approach to BDC Planning.**

**Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 23rd. November 2017 at 8.00 pm. in the Village Hall**