

Lound Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Held on Thursday 19th. July 2018 in Lound Village Hall at 8pm.

Present: Michael Naylor (Chair), Carol Green, Nick Prout, Rod Austin, Bob Lane, Andrew Perkins, Karen Pollard, Colin Beaumont and Luke Brown and Will Wilson of BDC.

Also present: Local residents - Liz Bentley, Pam Storey, Chris Stubbs, Barrie Storey, Alan and Pam Beardsall. It was agreed the meeting would be a Public Meeting allowing free participation. Questions were raised and opinions expressed by the visitors which meant, at times, the Meeting strayed from the usual order of business. The following matters were concluded at times by a tacit rather than expressed agreement:-

Apologies Received: None

Declarations of Interest: None.

Minutes of Meeting held 31st May 2018: Confirmed as a true record.

Matters arising:-

1. Design Code Report/Village Character Assessment - delayed pending further work on Site Selection.

Financial Report

Michael advised the My Locality Grant had been paid into the Bank account.

Public Consultation on Site Selection

The results collated from the Preference Forms, as previously circulated to the Steering Group, were declared.

These were:-

| Site | YES | NO | UNDECIDED |
|------|-----|-----|-----------|
| NP02 | 84 | 74 | 5 |
| NP05 | 56 | 97 | 10 |
| NP06 | 46 | 107 | 10 |
| NP12 | 88 | 70 | 5 |
| NP13 | 44 | 112 | 7 |
| NP16 | 34 | 120 | 9 |
| NP18 | 72 | 83 | 8 |
| NP19 | 123 | 35 | 5 |
| NP21 | 100 | 56 | 7 |

A total of **163** Forms were returned by residents representing **78** households. (208 Forms had been issued at the two Consultation events to residents representing 92 households.)

Comments from the Forms are numerous and varied. They are being transposed as written, with only minor amendments (spelling, punctuation, etc.), into a single document and the whole will be published on the village website within a few days. Method of count was accepted. **Action: Nick/Colin**

The **FOUR** sites with a majority of **YES** preferences (NP02, NP12, NP19 and NP21) together with NP18, which had a majority **NO** but significant support, will now have their comments analysed.

Action: Carol/Colin

No further action will be taken by the Steering Group as regards the **FOUR** sites with a clear majority **NO** preference.

Bassetlaw DC Planning will contact all landowners who stated their land was available for development within this process to advise the outcomes of the Public Consultation.

Action: Will.

Bassetlaw DC Planning will now arrange detailed assessments by the Statutory bodies of all **NINE** sites subjected to Public Consultation.

Action: Luke/Will.

Article to be drafted to publish the numeric results in the August Crier.

Action: Nick.

Attention was drawn to Comments on two Preference Forms considered potentially libellous. In publishing the collated Comments a disclaimer will be added to ensure the Steering Group and its advisers are distanced from such remarks.

Action: Nick.

National Planning Policy Framework

Discussion and explanations from Luke and Will on the evolving legislation and District plan. The latter is expected to be in draft form by November 2018. They opined the changes should not cause us to deviate from the way we are proceeding towards our draft Plan. The NPPF is intended to give more weight to the views of neighbourhoods who have created, or are in the process of creating, a Neighbourhood Plan.

Visitors' Questions and Comments

These were many and varied throughout the Meeting. They included reference to current and proposed National and District Planning Policies, the relevance of Neighbourhood Planning (particularly for Lound), site specific issues, the way forward and how constraints would be addressed. Luke and Will supported Group members by responding to questions and comments through a lively debate. The collective attempts to put some perspective on the Lound Neighbourhood Plan were only partly successful. Barrie Storey asked that his questions be included in the minutes and these together with responses are Appended.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 9th August 2018 at 8.00 pm. in the Village Hall.

Action: Nick

Visitors asked if they could attend the next and future Meetings. Michael explained that to maintain progress, the next few Meetings must be meetings in public (as originally agreed at the Meeting on 20 January 2016), ie. only active members of the Steering Group and our technical support may participate in the discussions. Visitors would be welcome and would be allowed to speak after the conclusion of normal business.

APPENDIX TO MINUTES 19 July 2018

Neighbourhood Plan Meeting Notes *Received by email from Barrie Storey*

Date 19/July 2018

Q When 93% of Lound residents don't want significant change why was the Neighbourhood Plan continued with, when the protection of CS9 protects Lound from green field development.

A neighbourhood Plan is a means of allowing villages to have a measure of control as to where any development may be allowed. The classification of Lound as CS9 in the Bassetlaw Core Strategy will no longer afford protection as the Core Strategy has been found to be out of date and is being superseded by the new Bassetlaw Plan.

Q How can you defend your consultation that is alienating resident to resident, one area of the village against another, and villager against land owner. The consultation is divisive and alarming some of our elderly residents.

We are a group of volunteers who have been tasked by Lound Parish Council to produce a Plan. The Public Consultation on Site Selection is an integral part of the Plan. It is not intended to divide or alienate villagers. Our experience is that most villagers are happy to engage with the process and are willing to participate in our consultations.

Q Why has Lound been taken out of CS9 No development into CS8 Rural Service.

The Bassetlaw District Council representatives at the Meeting confirmed this was not the case.

Q Is it not the case that Bassetlaw Planning is tasked to find development sites. To promote affordable housing 20% of all new accommodation built. From a press release dated 5/11/2015. Land owners were contacted in the villages to release land to be built on. Game keeper turned poacher. Finally the process ends in a referendum. Like brexit and look at the trouble that's causing.

As part of the Localism Act, 2011, there is a Central Government requirement that BDC facilitate the building of more houses to meet a national shortage. This Act allows Neighbourhood Plans to be developed. Once we have produced a draft Plan, a referendum will be held to decide if the Plan is acceptable. For the Plan to be adopted a majority of residents voting is required. Our duty is to consult with residents and other stakeholders to produce a Plan that will be supported. We feel that having a Neighbourhood Plan will enable us, as a village, to have some say if, and where, any development may take place. Not producing a Plan will be irresponsible because it will remove these important safeguards.

Q Is it not true that only villagers with a Neighbourhood plan is likely to have its green fields built on. The neighbourhood plan results in the release of land, and is just the opposite the safeguard you claim.

No, this is not true. Any development is still subject to planning regulations. The emerging National Planning Policy Framework recognises and encourages the need for village boundaries to be extended to meet targets for new homes. Where there is a Plan, Planning Officers can justify their refusal to allow developments which fall outside the approved sites. Where no Plan exists it is difficult to prevent or limit new building proposals which extend villages, as can be seen at Everton, Beckingham, Barnby Moor and many others.

Would you please minute these views, and I ask for the plan to be dropped.

Lound Parish Council commissioned the Neighbourhood Plan; only they can decide whether our work should cease.