

Berkswell Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2018 in The Village Hall, Station Road, Balsall Common at 2.00PM

1) Evacuation procedures

Evacuation procedures were explained.

2) Open Forum

Five members of the public in attendance (including the parish priest for the Blessed Robert Grissold Church, Mgr Daniel McHugh (DM) and his planning advisor Gary Stephens (GS)).

3) Attendance

Vince Ritters (VR) Vice-Chairman (Chaired meeting in absence of AB)

Kay Howles (KH)

Geoff Wheeler (GW)

Jane Edwards (JE)

Richard Drake (RD) Secretary

Louise Kirkup (LK) Consultant

4) Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Keith Tindall (KT) and Andrew Burrow (AB).

5) Declaration of interest

GW advised that he owns a property on Meeting House Lane (backing on to proposed developments on Barratts Farm).

The committee agreed to grant GW dispensation to discuss the responses to the Regulation 14 consultation.

He would not vote on any matters directly affecting his property.

6) Confirmation of minutes of 29th August 2018

The minutes were approved and signed. The signed copy will be held by the Berkswell Parish Clerk.

7) Matters arising not covered by the Agenda:

There were no matters arising.

8) Representations from the Blessed Robert Grissold Church concerning the designation as Local Green Space of the field beside the Catholic Church on Meeting House Lane.

The committee noted the additional responses to the consultation (letter dated 24th August and e-mail dated 28th August),

A discussion took place with contributions from DM, GS, LK & members of the committee. It was accepted that there were arguments both for and against the designation as Local Green Space. However, there is widespread local support for its inclusion and it was concluded that it should remain in the NDP for the Independent Examiner to determine the merits of the case.

9) Responses to Regulation 14 Consultation

These were agreed including the responses on Local Green Space above.

10) Acceptance of Draft NDP

Subject to minor changes detailed in Appendix 1 the Committee agreed this draft should form the basis of the submission version of the plan.

11) SMBC advice

The Committee agreed to seek advice from SMBC planning following the agreed changes to the Draft Plan.

Approved:

12) Basic Conditions Statement

The committee approved the draft Basic Conditions statement and Consultation statements produced by the NDP consultant and delegated to the Parish Council Clerk the approval of the final statement after any adjustments made by the consultant to reflect the finalisation of the draft NDP for submission to the Parish Council. The Clerk to seek advice from the NDP Steering Committee Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary if appropriate.

Date of next meeting: tbc

APPENDIX 1

List of agreed changes to 1st Draft "Submission" NDP

- Page 4, Item 1.11, Final sentence – Remove 3rd word "your"
- Page 7, Heading – Change "A" to "An"
- Page 13, Item 5.9 – Delete and renumber
- Page 15, Item j, 2nd line – Delete "in Balsall Common"
- Page 15, Item j, 3rd line – Replace "Balsall Common" with "the parish"
- Page 17, Item a – Remove in full and replace with:
"Building heights should be varied to provide character and interest. Generally buildings should not exceed 2 1/2 storeys, including rooms in the roof space. However to aid efficient land use some building heights could be varied and 3 storeys may be appropriate provided the buildings are not adjacent to and do not overlook existing 2 storey properties and their position and design enhances the development and such development would not have an adverse impact on or conflict with existing and surrounding properties and is appropriate to the position proposed."
- Page 17, Item b – Replace "permissible" with "supported"
- Page 21, Item 7.2, 3rd line – "council" not "Council"
- Page 29, 3 Station Road photos – 2nd line of description under 2nd photo needs realigning
- Page 48, penultimate line – ha-ha not "Ha ha"
- Page 51, Item 10.11, 2nd bullet point – Replace with "Berkswell has more houses with 3 or more cars than the SMBC average (17.8% for Berkswell and 9.9% for SMBC average)".
- Page 51, Item 10.13, line 9 – delete comma after Cars
- Page 52, line 1 – replace "adequate" with "inadequate"
- Page 52, Item 2, 3rd sentence – change "expands" to "expand"
- Page 52, Item 2, 9th line – change to ".....that they have to travel in push chairs...."
- Page 52 Item 2 – add the following: "The Office of National statistics predict that the percentage of the population over 65 years of age will rise to almost 25% by 2045 from 18% in 2016
A study by RICA (Research Institute for Consumer Affairs) in 2014 showed there were 300 to 350 thousand mobility scooters in use with annual sales of 80,000 with those sales increasing by 5-10% per annum."
- Page 53, Item 4, final sentence- change to "This was the 3rd highest priority for residents.
- Page 53, Item 5, final sentence- change Solihull to Berkswell.
- Page 53, Item 6 - change cars to car and drivers to vehicles
- Page 59, Item 1 – remove "and" at end.
- Page 59, Item 2 – replace full stop with "; and"
- Page 67, Item 3 – "Cyber café where 6th Formers can work" should be in column 1
- Page 70, Appendix 5, line 2- should be Balsall Parish Council (not Balsall Common).

Approved: