

Broomfield Neighbourhood Plan

Notes of Steering Group Meeting

Held on 19th September 2017 at 7.30 pm at Broomfield Village Hall

Present: John Blake, Duncan Coles, Sue Hubble, David Howell, Geof Garwood

175. Apologies for absence: Angela Thomson, Tom Clarke, Peter Marriage, Karen Hurrell (Planning Officer, BPC)

176. Declarations of Interest: None

177. To approve Notes of the meeting held on 29th August 2017 - Approved

178. Comments from Parish Council/Planning Committee –

The notes of the meeting were duly noted and nothing to report

179. Other matters arising from notes

The next stage of the Chelmsford Local Plan (the Submission Draft) was supposed to be agreed for consultation at the City Council committee meeting on 28th Sept, but this has now been put back until the end of November.

The attendance of RCCE Option 2 Course will take place at the Parish Council offices on 3rd October. Most SG members will be able to attend. SH to notify Sarah Sapsford of any particular items we would like to include.

180. Finance Report – SH reported that at present there is a £640.43 overspend, which is covered by BPC at the moment. A second grant can be applied for as soon as we are in a position to know what future outlays will be required.

181. Update on Analysis of Residents' Questionnaire

JB reported that he had done further work on the residents' questionnaire and it transpires that more individuals completed the questionnaire than first envisaged. Although 493 forms were returned; they were completed by 881 individuals where multi-members of households completed. This increases the response figure to approximately 24% to 26%.

The SG discussed some of the biggest issues which were reflected on the forms; i.e. Q.5 97% of people love living in Broomfield and would like to stay if their circumstances permit. 94% hate the level of traffic. 50% had affordable housing concerns. Q.7 Travel, 71% considered better cycle paths were important. The SG agreed cycling paths are something the NP could have a positive impact on. Working from home and in Broomfield was discussed and various options such as walking and cycling to and from work.

Next meeting: Discuss Q.11 – Level of traffic going through Broomfield.

182 & 183 Update on Stakeholders' Survey/ Meetings Stakeholders who have asked for a Meeting

Seven responses were received. 3 (including Strutt & Parker and Bloor Homes) have indicated that they would like to meet with the SG and meeting dates are in the process of being confirmed. The first meeting will be for the SG to “listen” what they have to say. Although the SG may ask relevant questions, they should not “infer” anything from the questions asked. The SG will consider what the developers want to do at a later meeting. It is envisaged that each meeting will last for up to an hour.

184. Next Stages

- a) Steering Group have been requested to look at the age profile on 2011 Census Data and jot down six items each which can be discussed at next meeting
- b) Pick out key items from residents’ questionnaire.
- c) Decide whether we should employ a consultant to help write policies
- d) Funding/grant application

185. Date of Next Meeting and items for next Agenda:

Next meeting date to be agreed at RCCE Training Event

25th and 26th September – Potential Dates to meet with Strutt & Parker and Bloor Homes

3rd October - RCCE Training Event

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm