

FRADLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Minutes of Meeting held on 6th April 2016 at St Stephen's Church, Fradley

PRESENT Cllr S Roberts, Derick Cross, Linda Wild, Greg Jones, Richard Green, Cllr L Beaumont, Jo Spence, Keith Baines, Sandy Carruthers

1 **APOLOGIES** David Derrick

The meeting opened with a welcome to Keith Baines who has now joined the group.

2 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (2nd March 2016)**

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record and will be posted on the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan websites.

3 **MATTERS ARISING**

Defibrillators - Jo has two new defibrillators awaiting siting. Further fundraising is planned to acquire more.

Timesheets - These still have not all been completed and received. Those who have not, **MUST** send to David as a matter of urgency.

Grant – see Treasurer's Report

4 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Unfortunately, Chris Harrington (Treasurer) has had to tender his resignation from the Steering Group due to new work commitments.

No Report was available.

Grant/technical support – Simon confirmed that he had today received an email from Aecom confirming that we have been awarded technical support for the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, though no details are currently available.

Chris was in the process of applying again for the grant, however no update on this is available. Simon has requested Chris to appraise him of the present situation. As this matter has now become urgent it was decided that Simon, Greg and Derick would meet with Chris at the earliest possible opportunity so that the application can be carried forward. The outcome would be circulated via the Outlook email page for the group.

Action: Simon, Greg, Derick

It was agreed that an advert be posted on the two village facebook pages for a Treasurer to gauge interest.

Action: Sandy

5 **QUESTIONNAIRE ANALYSIS**

Analyses for housing and facilities have been completed and sent to Simon. The environment section has yet to be completed. Simon has analysed the percentages and Linda has provided graphs. David will be chased for his analysis of the comments. The comments will be consolidated down to just three bullet points (where appropriate) although the transport section is liable to demand more points. Derick will provide this. Greg has volunteered to analyse 'Living in Fradley' and Simon will provide the analysis for 'About You'. It was emphasised that all analyses should be evidence based.

Each Task Group Co-ordinator was asked to provide for the next meeting their ideas of how to carry forward their analysis to make targets achievable which will form the basis of the Neighbourhood Plan Policies.

Action: All Co-ordinators

6 **BELLWAY EXHIBITION FEEDBACK**

Jo, Sandy, Simon and Greg conducted an exit poll of residents attending the exhibition of Bellway's Phase I 216 houses and the findings were fed back to the committee by Sandy.

It was generally agreed by the committee that there were just two alterations to the planning proposals as follows:

Access Road by construction traffic – Currently planned for access off Tye Road which is dangerous to other vehicles and pedestrians. It has been proposed to Lichfield District Council and Evans Property Group that this access be moved to Halifax Avenue and in principle this has been accepted.

Access onto Turnbull Road opposite Bridge Farm Lane – The current proposals are that this access road be completed in Phase II but it has been decided that we would make representations to Lichfield District Council and Evans Property Group to make this at least a pedestrian access in Phase I to help residents needing to walk into the village for the post office or school, particularly as it is anticipated that Phase I would take 2 ½ years to complete.

Currently, Phase 1 has outline planning permission however full planning permission has been applied for subject to reserve matters being agreed. Phases II and III are subject to outline planning permission.

7 TRANSPORT GROUP

Derick Cross will head this group and has agreed to have the traffic plan completed by next meeting.

8 NEW PLANNING APPLICATION – BRIDGE FARM

It has always been understood by Fradley village that land at Mr Arblaster's (deceased) farm would be left for the benefit of the village and not built upon. However a planning application has been made by the executors of Mr Arblaster's will.

It was therefore decided that the Neighbourhood Plan Committee would object once the contents of the Lichfield and District Local Plan Strategy (September 2015) has been investigated, in particular the Core Policy 6 Housing Delivery and Policy Frad 4.

Afternote: It has now been found that this adopted policy does not include any housing plans for Fradley other than those developments already awarded outline planning permission and in particular no plans are shown for Mr Arblaster's fields for the duration of the document 2016 – 2029. For this reason it is expected that Lichfield District Council have no grounds to award planning permission in this instance. Therefore rigorous objections will be made. Objections would be lodged by no later than 21st April 2016.

Action: Derick Cross

It was noted that with traffic flows from the Hay End Lane development (250 houses), Brookfields (70 houses), Phase I of Fradley South (216 houses) and now with Bridge Farm (80 houses) proposed development it would increase current traffic four fold in the village and this is not acceptable or sustainable creating a massive transport problem.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Hay End Lane development – enquiries would be made to ascertain a possible start date.

Action: Sandy/PC Clerk

Conservation Areas – enquiries would be made with Lichfield District Council's conservation officer regarding conservation areas in Fradley.

Action: Simon

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 4th May 2016