

**Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council
Neighbourhood Plan Working Group
Minutes of the meeting held in the Radcliffe Room, The Grange on Thursday 26 March 2015,
at 7.00pm**

Present:

Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council: Jacki Grice – Parish Clerk, Hollie Thacker – Apprentice,
Cllr Roger Upton – PC Chairman, Cllr Rod, Brears – Chairman Planning and Environment Committee

Nottinghamshire County Council: Cllr Kay Cutts

Rushcliffe Borough Council: Phillip Marshall – Senior Planning Officer (technical advisor)

Residents: Sue Clegg, Martin Ryder, Maggie Holmes, Alison Williams, Mike Tomlinson

Apologies:

Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council: Sally Horn,

Local Business Representative: David Eggleston

Residents: Paul Spencer, Jo Spencer, Tom Orridge, Keith Agar,

Absent:

Rushcliffe Borough Council: Cllr Jean Smith

Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire: Jenny Kirkwood

1. **Welcome**

Cllr Roger Upton thanked all for attending the 4th project working group meeting.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None received.

3. **Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 29 January 2015**

It was **Resolved:** “that the minutes are approved and signed by the Acting Chairman, Cllr Roger Upton

4. **Matters Arising**

(5) The preferred consultants BPUD – Urban Design of Macclesfield has been noted by the Planning and Environment Committee and the Full Council.

(11) East Bridgford Parish Council has now also been advised that Radcliffe on Trent is in the process of formulating a Neighbourhood Plan.

5. **Application for Financial Grant – Update**

Locality has been reappointed by Government to continue to run the grant aid programme. An expression of interest was submitted and an invite to complete the full application was received the following day. The deadline for submission is 02 April 2015.

Cllr Upton and the Clerk met with Philip Marshall at RBC who helped complete some of the form. An initial meeting was also held with BPUD on 23 March. The consultants were very knowledgeable and offered good advice and were confident that the bid would be successful.

Locality has revised the application form and the bid criteria. Previously a year was given to spend the grant, it has now been reduced to 6 months. BPUD have been asked to revise their tender to accommodate the new time frame. (30 June – 31 Dec). The document can then be upload next week and the application form submitted. Notification of the outcome of the bid should be received within 10 days. If successful, the contract with BPUD can then be formally approved at the Full Council meeting on 27 April.

Sue Clegg has sent the electronic version of the Community Plan survey results to BPUD, it is of benefit that the Community Plan is a recent project and that it aligns with the Neighbourhood Plan process. The Clerk would send the relevant application information on the bid form to all members of the Working Group.

6. **Spring / Summer Parish Newsletter**

The newsletter has been delivered to every household and included the draft vision statement for residents to comment on. To date there has been no feedback. It was agreed that more emphasis should be put on consultation and a small questionnaire created for residents to complete. Sue Clegg and the Clerk would organise this, locations for consideration are:

- Stall at the Annual Parish Meeting (with the Community Plan)
- Library, Shops, Health Centre
- Village Group Meetings (U3A)
- Carnival

The Action Plan resulting from the Community Plan survey is also very useful as evidence of consultation.

7. **Reports from Focus Groups**

Developers and Landowners

Prior to submitting the Neighbourhood Plan there are certain bodies that have to be consulted with including landowners that may be affected. Philip Marshall will provide details of the local landowners on the identified housing sites map. A developer has sent an email expressing an interest in the plan and would like to meet the group to discuss potential interests. Cllr Upton would respond that all information to date is available to view on the parish council website and that it may be appropriate to meet when the plan progresses further.

New Housing For All & Conserving The Green Belt & Village Environment

A map of potential housing sites on the Green belt for Radcliffe has been obtained. There are six identified sites (A – F). All sites have been visited and the group felt that there was little to add to the draft vision, but did form the view that the development site E north of the A52 (by the RSPCA) together with small site C adjacent to the Canadian Estate should be preferred sites, supplemented by the sites D and F.

There has been concerns expressed about site E, but these are for the developers to overcome. Additional recreational space and allotment provision should also be considered. There should also be opportunity for small scale developments and the housing mix also needs to be addressed in the plan.

Alison Williams will provide the group with the related results from the Community Plan to ensure there is alignment.

Improved Village Centre

The vision aims to address issues with traffic, pedestrians and the shopping experience. A meeting was held with Paul Hillier, Principal Officer LTP and Travel Planning at N.C.C. Discussions were based on the potential of a one way traffic system (east to west direction with the exception of buses, emergency vehicles and cyclists). Traffic to be directed from the main road roundabout up Shelford Road and down New Road which would enable the high street pavements to be widened at specific points using different paving styles and street furniture, Paul Hillier was supportive of the idea and would seek to undertake a 'high level' feasibility study.

There is a need to maintain access to the Walkers Yard car park and there is potential to access the Royal Oak car park via the Health Centre car park. Short term parking for shoppers and long term parking for workers needs to be addressed.

Traffic calming measures for Shelford Road were also desired and some form of system put in place for traffic turning right onto New Road.

It was noted that RBC is in the process of starting a consultation regarding 3 hour limited parking (no return 1 hour) for both Walkers Yard and the Health Centre car parks. A park and ride scheme at Bingham Road Playing Fields car park would also address long stay parking issues in the village.

Improved Leisure, Sport & Recreation

The focus group felt that the strategic vision wasn't ambitious enough as it refers to maintaining existing facilities and a vision for a small leisure/sports facility. However it was noted that there is no land readily available to develop and ultimately developer funding would be needed for an indoor complex. The land next to Wharf Lane would be ideal to house football pitches, enabling the expansion of other sports development on the Wharf Lane site.

Further investigation into who the landowners are and talks with village groups is needed to understand the exact facilities required in order to develop the vision for a multi-use facility.

Alison Williams would provide the group with information gathered from the Community Plan.

Other Business

There was mention of rumours of a 4th Bridge Crossing from Colwick to Radcliffe, it is unsure where this aspiration has originated from and whether there is any substance to it.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 30 April 2015, 7pm

The meeting ended at 8.35pm

Approved by:.....Date.....