



**MINUTES OF THE HARDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROJECT TEAM  
HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> JULY, 2019 IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Kay Kirkham (Chair)  
Cllr Gerwyn Bryan  
Cllr Ann Taylor  
Jools Townsend (from 7pm)  
Steve Johnson  
Jamie Wilde (IntegreatPlus)  
Ken Eastwood (Clerk)

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Tony Carlyle.

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Jamie Wilde stated he had been unable to find examples of policies relating to real time information at bus stops. Cllr Kirkham stated that the West Yorkshire Combined Authority was currently consulting on passenger information.

Cllr Kirkham stated that Wilsden Parish Council hadn't addressed the issue of connectivity between the villages in their Neighbourhood Plan.

The Clerk stated he had not received a response from Cullingworth or Bingley with regard to enquiries about considering connectivity.

Jamie Wilde stated there was some further work to be done on mapping footpaths and that he will progress.

Cllr Kirkham to develop a list of green spaces for comment. Links with biodiversity and habitats was noted.

Cllr Taylor to develop a list of community facilities and amenities for comment.

There was comment on proposed garage size being too small. Jamie Wilde agreed to look further into that issue.

Cllr Bryan mentioned that the 2020 Building Regulations are due to be released shortly.

### **3. Summary of housing policies presented at the last meeting and responses to comments received**

Comments from Cllr Bryan were discussed. Cllr Kirkham said she supported the text from the Long Ashton case study. Agreed to include in the Sustainable Homes & Renewable Energy policies (Jamie Wilde to re-draft and circulate for comment).

Some of the issues would be covered by Building Regulations in any event.

Orientation (for solar) could be included in Design Guidance. The Neighbourhood Plan can encourage developers to go that bit further – the plan can be a statement of intent.

Cllr Bryan commented on H2 – querying the resistance of larger housing types. Jamie Wilde explained that the policy is aiming to achieve a genuine mixture of house types. A Housing Needs Assessment will assist with refinement of this policy. Jamie Wilde mentioned some developments in planning on viability and some cases where it had been concluded that developers had paid too much for land. The argument is being given less weight nationally.

Cllr Kirkham was keen to see strong emphasis on affordable housing being provided through registered social landlords. Jamie Wilde to consider how policy can be strengthened. It was agreed that a Housing Needs Assessment should be undertaken to provide the evidence to enable further development.

Jamie Wilde stated policy H5 will be revised to become less prescriptive following a recent meeting with Bradford Council.

It was explained that Lifetime Homes and Buildings for Life are standards that go beyond Building Regulation requirements. They are fairly simple specifications that make a big difference to occupiers. Many social housing providers build to both of these standards.

Jamie Wilde mentioned queries raised by Jools Townsend. One being that there is no mention of planting. He explained that green infrastructure policy will be supported by green space mapping and habitats work.

There was discussion on broadband issues and an acknowledgement that developers would not retrofit high speed broadband to existing homes. Broadband could be explored further through a separate project in the Parish Plan, if considered appropriate.

#### **4. Community facilities, heritage, green spaces and local employment policies**

Jamie Wilde to circulate a map of listed assets in Harden.

Trees and green infrastructure were discussed and it was felt that the plan should 'aim high' e.g. 2 trees for every 1 removed.

Jamie Wilde to circulate presentation slides and reworked housing policies and supporting text (edited to incorporate comments). Being circulated for information at this stage.

#### **5. Social isolation and the NP and Parish Plan**

Social isolation can be a theme as the Neighbourhood Plan progresses. There are elements of community facilities and green spaces that could have a role but mostly a Parish Plan issue.

There was a discussion about community spaces and cafes, meeting spaces for local groups and for leisure activities. It was noted that mixed use space could facilitate interaction between people and different groups.

Cllr Bryan mentioned aspirations from the Friends of St Ives re. a derelict building in the estate and plans to create a community hub.

#### **6. Team Member contribution to NP and Parish Plan work**

Members provided updates on progress, not already discussed earlier in the meeting. Jules Townsend reminded members to review her document on Transport, Travel & Mobility and provide feedback.

#### **7. Any other business**

None.

#### **8. Next meeting**

5<sup>th</sup> August 2019, at 6pm in Harden Memorial Hall. The Clerk gave his apologies in advance.