



**MINUTES OF THE HARDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROJECT TEAM
HELD ONLINE ON 5th January, 2022**

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

1. Apologies for absence

None received.

2. Update on progress and next steps

Cllr Kirkham gave an introduction and outlined work undertaken over the past 12 months.

Jamie Wilde provided a summary overview. Public consultation held 9 or 10 months ago. Responses were not as extensive as would have hoped. However, a lot of helpful responses were received from Bradford MDC and other statutory consultees.

Changes and updates made. Requirement to produce accessible documents was time consuming.

Pending approval by the Project Team and the Village Council, the plan and supporting documents are all ready to be submitted to Bradford MDC.

Cllr Kirkham invited comments from meeting attendees.

Steve Johnson asked about numbers of consultees at the last round. Jamie Wilde mentioned the statement of consultation which summarises consultations and explains how consultation informed policy.

Jamie Wilde commented that in the circumstances, in his opinion we'd made a reasonable effort of consulting with the community.

He stated he was of the view that the response is acceptable at this stage in the process. In his experience, it's common for people not to respond positively – responses

are usually received where there are concerns and objections. It is also common to see responses tail off as a project progresses.

Cllr Townsend asked if anything substantive has changed. Jamie Wilde said no, nothing significant. A number of factual corrections and amendments have been made. Statement of consultation includes a table summarising the comments and explanations given for where changes made or not made.

Steve Johnson asked about previous section about new housing conforming to certain standards. He had previously proposed an edit to say that modifications to existing housing should also be included.

Actions

- Jamie Wilde to circulate statement of consultations.
- Jamie Wilde to look into whether previous reference to existing housing had been affected by consultation responses and get back to the group.

3. Next Steps

Once submitted to Bradford MDC there will be a tender exercise to appoint an Independent Examiner and a 6 week consultation will follow, with comments going directly to the Examiner, who will arbitrate over the comments and the plan and produce an Examiner's Report outlining any suggested modifications.

Bradford MDC and the Village Council would have opportunity to consider the recommended modifications.

Cllr Kirkham asked if it would be possible to complete this process in time for local elections in May. Jamie Wilde said not and explained that Bradford MDC will arrange an extraordinary referendum, at their expense.

Actions

- All agreed to move documents onto Village Council for consideration.

4. Any other business

Cllr Kirkham thanked all present and undertook to keep non Village Council Members present updated with progress.

There was a brief discussion about progress with discussions around a 20mph zone.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7:04pm.