



## Great Bowden Neighbourhood Plan

### Meeting 2 - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm, Community Pavilion

#### In Attendance

Gary Kirk, Peter Mitchell, Jim Culkin, Anne French, Paul Claxton, Richard Henwood Tony Hipgrave, Natalie Holmes.

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#### 1. Apologies

Liz Thomas

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

Jim, Tony and Natalie have completed and signed the Register of Members' Interest forms. Awaiting others.

#### 3. Appointment of Vice Chair

It was decided that Natalie Holmes would hold position of Vice Chair to support Peter Mitchell in communications.

#### 4. Minutes of Meeting held on 20 January 2016

- a) Accuracy - Proposed, Jim, seconded Tony
- b) Matters Arising – John Coombs resignation – new opening available – waiting for any response from the newsletter article or contact a couple of known interested people. Always have back up for help from other residents too.
- c) Logo – Peter showed Anne the newsletter article logo. Anne will look to modify. After consideration it may be the school suitable as lack of response to the competition.
- d) Web page – created and live on GBPC website
- e) Stakeholder Identification - ongoing
- f) Terms of Reference - agreed
- g) Skills Audit – need to strengthen design skills, planning and presentation skills. Contacts within the village may be able to assist.

#### 5. Visioning Exercise

To make the most of the neighbourhood plan and the statutory rights it can offer in terms of type, size, quality, location of houses as well as protection of open land and separation land through the map designation of our natural environment. We have an ageing population (more than other areas of the district) and perhaps more reasonable/large bungalows could offer the circle of accommodation to keep residents of all ages within their home community, freeing up family homes.

We need to hold an open event where the community can come and discuss their concerns and ideas. We can take note and listen and after which we can prepare a comprehensive questionnaire for distribution.

Large maps of the village with coloured stickers for people to place where they prefer housing and think most suitable. Matthew Bills can provide large maps.

Traffic and infrastructure opinions and concerns. Housing type preference chart.

We will need volunteers to meet and greet at the door, serve refreshments, talk to residents and gain information to assist.

## 6. Funding Bids

Gary Kirk to arrange funding bids. Will apply for one shortly and that turns around quite quickly in early April and will start covering Locale costs. The second funding bid can take some time to fulfil but will deliver funding in approx. 3 months' time. Locality can provide up to £9000 in April and Awards for all £5000 in May/June if applied for shortly. We can provide information such as room hire costs for presentations, refreshments and printing for leaflet distribution for Gary to include in the bids.

## 7. What Happens Next?

Book the village hall for the open days. ***Friday 6th May 19.00 - 22.00 and Saturday 7th May 11.15 - 15.30***

Continue with the stake holder information gathering and distribute letters detailing open event dates also.

Apply for funding to cover all costs.

Questionnaire to be designed and printed after the open event to have a comprehensive idea of what questions we wish to ask.

The next Newsletter deadline (summer issue) date is May 7<sup>th</sup> for distribution around 21<sup>st</sup> May.

## 8. Any other business

Peter Mitchell to contact Matthew Bills to make himself known and to start communicating our process as well as inviting Matthew to our meetings.

Village Festival in August will be able to offer us some space to promote the Neighbourhood Plan.

## 9. Date of Next meeting

***Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March @ 7pm, Community Pavilion.***

To discuss amongst other things - the open event.

Close of meeting            9.15pm