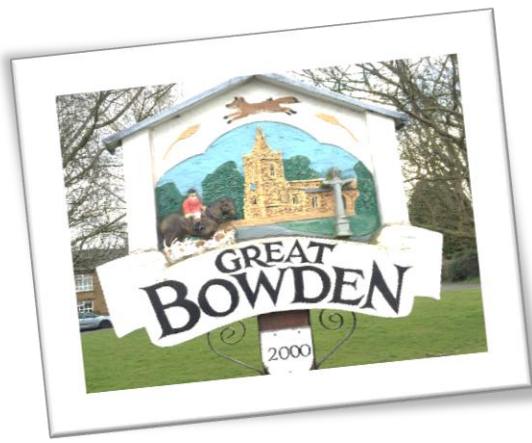




Great Bowden's Neighbourhood Plan

Our Neighbourhood Our Future

Meeting 7 – Thursday 27th October, 7.30pm, Community Pavilion

In Attendance

Peter Mitchell, Jim Culkin, Paul Claxton, Anne French, Nick Manners, Natalie Holmes and 4 members of the public.

1. Apologies/Absentees

Bill Somerton, Tony Hipgrave

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 14th July 2016 – Theme group Meeting (6)

- a) Accuracy – All agreed
- b) None

4. Questionnaire Analysis Report

- a) PM just tidying up information and if all agree, it will be distributed by email to those subscribed tomorrow.
- b) Publicity notified to email list, GBPC Facebook Page and Community Website as well as a hard copy in Weltons to view.

5. Theme Group Reports

- a) **Environment Group** – Jim Culkin, chair

The theme group have walked the footpaths and roads to understand the Parish fully.

CF is researching HDC and National Policies as well as cross referencing these to use as evidence which are back up by current policies. Wildlife LCC & LRWT information is being provided by useful contacts.

Maps – Ridge & Furrow, Ladar and Goggle Earth to map Open Spaces, Common Land, Verges, Listed Buildings and contacted LCC to ensure they are on the official list. Also, researching the Agricultural status of the land.

Trying to approach HDC and Network Rail to gift the land to the village for wildlife corridors.

Identifying and protecting Assets to the Community such as the Canal Bridge which is early 19th Century and an importance visual entrance to the village.

These Assets need to be cross checked with the other two theme groups to ensure total coverage.

- b) **Housing** – Paul Claxton, chair

Researching and using information from the Village Design statements, Historical facts. Also verifying movement of properties within the village by Land Registry records of sales and types for the last 20 years. The information clearly shows we need starter homes. This also mirrors the questionnaire results from the community of starter homes, bungalows and small 3 bed.

Since the NP process has been started only large, expensive executive homes have been built which draw buyers from out of the area and consist of mainly commuters. The theme group are also looking at Brownfield sites which should be included in the phases of the 15 year plan. HDC almost have a local plan but announced yesterday they are putting back publicising it by 10 months. The quota of number of housing allocated to Great Bowden varies between options for location of housing in district as consulted upon publicity. However, the range is between 29-89 homes. Since this local plan started, Great Bowden has so far

been allocated 149 homes. Well above the top end figure of the amount of allocation. With brownfield sites, already under discussion with the parish council and HDC as well a prospector along Leicester Lane, which is all in the preferred area of development as per the questionnaire results. We would be able to use these as reserved sites as we are already considerably over the recommendation of housing for our village.

- c) Traffic, Transport, Community Facilities and Employments** – Peter Mitchell for Tony Hipgrave, chair
Using the Questionnaire results we have identified the issues. We are working on the possible solutions, gathering evidence and writing policies.
We have split into three further mini groups to write these: Traffic and Transport is for Isabel, Natalie and Bill. Community facilities is Peter and John and Employment will be covered by Tony. The main issues identified are Parking, Volume and speed, through routes, rat runs. We hope to provide very rough drafts for discussion and consultation within the next couple of months

6. Theme Group Coordination

PM and NH met HDC's NP and MB to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan. If we all agreed to work to the same dates we will be on schedule.

7. Drop In Open Event

Open event with introduction from theme group members. Possible date of Saturday 12th November 10.30am. Full posters of the questionnaire results as well as posters of forming policies to discuss and answer any questions. Will also be giving the community a further opportunity to add to our evidence base. Flier with link to questionnaire results etc. NH to action.

8. Draft Plan Completion Date

Work in progress but on schedule. The Theme Groups will endeavour to complete the first draft prior to the Christmas holidays to send to HDC for a quick review prior to the 6 weeks consultation with residents.

9. Any Other Business

None

10. Date of Next meeting

Open Event – Saturday 12th November, 10.30am, Community Pavilion

Theme Groups – ongoing

Committee meeting – Thursday 8th December, 7.30pm – Community Pavilion