

## **BARTON VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP**

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 commencing at 7.00pm

**Present:** BVNPSG Members - John Parker, Phil Doyle, Stephen Miles, Councillor Sue Whittam, Angela?, Catherine Lund-Baker, Paula Fitzgerald, Charles Ebo.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE**

Denise Partington.

### **2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF BARTON VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 20TH FEBRUARY 2019.**

The minutes of the previous meeting of Barton Village Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group (BVNPSG) held on 20th February 2019 were approved as a true and accurate record.

### **3. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS**

There were no personal or prejudicial interests declared.

### **4. REVIEW OF THE ACTION LOG.**

Outstanding action points remain in frozen until post 26th June 2019.

### **5. Kirkwells Overview**

Paula Fitzgerald gave an overview of her background, including links with Kirkwells Planning consultants and previous examples of her work. This experience was comprehensive and the group was grateful for her knowledge and time.

The overview given by Paula started the discussions around Barton's NP and what steps will be required to complete the work. Key points included:

- Highlighting any gaps in work undertaken to date.
- What "draft" documentation is required.
- Understanding of what "key dates" we could link to with PCC as the draft plan matures.
- Establish contact with Chris Blackburn at PCC. (PF to action).
- Understand the current position of PCC local plan.
- How does the BNP link to PCC's current "Call for sites"?
- Understand links to WBC 2031 local plan.
- Establish what the key policies are for a consultation statement.
- Start collation of the evidence base in support of BNP.

Paula will establish what the best route will be to address the above questions and issues.

## 6. Group Discussion 4 Key Plan Areas

The group then discussed each of the 4 areas,

- Environmental
- Development and Planning
- Commercial

- Environmental

BNP needs to understand the PCC green spaces, indicate which areas in Barton could get highlighted as green space. The group need to understand what green space has and could be reserved as part of current/future development. This would provide greater protection for green space in the village and encourage more bio-diversity. Kirkwells can help produce these green space maps to support the environmental aspects of the plan. Protection and conservation are key elements of this.

Flood risk is considered to be significant within certain areas of the village. Recognition that continued development has the potential to alter the topology of the area, therefore changing the water table. Further work is required to better understand areas which are areas of potential development overtime.

- Infrastructure

A greater understanding of the Core Lancashire strategy is required in combination with LCC Highways and Utilities companies.

Health & Welfare provision including medical facilities are considered to be important issues which need expanding upon.

- Development

Barton has seen a significant increase in development over the last 5 years (approx. 50%). The group need to understand the impact of each development on the village and in relation to each other as some sites are adjacent to one another.

A strategy needs to be created which balances the needs of the village and complies with responsible development which is sustainable for Barton and is embedded into the Neighbourhood Plan.

- Commercial

Commercial aspects including employment are considered to be important issues which need expanding upon.

## 7. AOB

N/A

## 8. DATES OF THE NEXT STEERING GROUP MEETING.

The dates for the next Steering Group meeting TBA (Possible dates in late June are being considered) at Barton Village Hall commencing at 7pm.