

Bridgnorth Town Plan Steering Group

Minutes of Meeting – 26th November 2019

Held in the Annexe, College House, Bridgnorth at 6.30 pm.

Present: Henry Carver
David Cooper – Councillor BTC (Meeting Chairman)
Mike Golding (Meeting Secretary)
Darren Hodson – demographics and growth working party
Susan Howle – Vice Chairman, Tasley Parish Council

Apologies: Paul Axworthy – economics and business working group
Clive Dyson – Councillor BTC, Steering Group Chairman

1. Minutes of and actions from the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting dated 29th October were approved as a true record, subject to typographical corrections.

2. Matters arising

Shropshire Council officers have so far not been available to attend any meeting of the Town Plan Steering Group.

Action 19/11-1: Clive Dyson to request that Shropshire Council officers meet with the Steering Group, on a mutually convenient date.

3. Draft of the Consultation Document

It has been suggested that the Consultation Document could be handed out at polling stations on 12th December.

A brief review of the current issued version of the draft TP document took place and 3 minor amendments were suggested:

1. In Summary, bullet point one, amend *high level of growth* to *moderate to high level of growth*.
2. In 5.1.6 bullet point four *Millburn* should read *Whitburn* Street.
3. In 6.2.1 bullet point four, rewrite as “There appears to be a significant quantity of business space currently available that exceeds any projected requirement”.

Action 19/11-2: Clive Dyson to amend the Consultation Document.

4. Planning for the Consultation phase

A review of the consultation questionnaire was undertaken, and the following comments made:

1. Sustainability and the Environment – OK.
2. Working or Running a business in Bridgnorth – It was felt that this section would be impossible to answer for most respondents and needs a complete rewrite. Particularly separate sites from premises. Included should be to reference where existing sites are currently available. i.e. Stanmore, Chartwell, Faraday Drive, Stanley Lane, Tasley etc

Action 19/11-3: Mike Golding to draft an alternative section.

3. A question on providing access for the disabled should be added (*).

4. Future growth of housing and employment - Add numeric increase to item 6.1 housing growth, both total and annual in addition to percentages. (*)
5. The jobs section 6.2 needs to mention existing job quantities and rewriting.

Action 19/11-4: Henry Carver to draft alternative wording.

The split of existing jobs by type also needs referencing.

Action 19/11-5: Darren Hodson to draft alternative wording.

6. The question regarding the plans and funding for infrastructure needs clarification with Yes an option with No before progressing to say which sort. (*)
7. Location of future development - The word *housing* needs adding into development location question, add infill as an alternative redefine locations consistently. Mention the existing approvals. (*)
8. Section 8.2 (shown erroneously as 8.1 as well as 8.1) needs Wolverhampton and Dudley adding to the list of employment destinations. (*)
9. Section 8.3 addressing congestion reduction alternatives also needs to mention the proposed N-S bypass East of Bridgnorth which passes Stanmore on the A454. (*)

Action 19/11-6: Clive Dyson to draft alternative wording for points above marked (*).

5. Addressing other issues

We did not have time to consider how to progress working groups on other issues. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

6. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be best if conducted before Xmas and after the consultation questionnaire has been released and returned. Tuesday 17th December was suggested, and it was hoped to hold the meeting in Tasley.

Action 19/11-7: Susan Howle to check room availability.

Subsequent note: Susan also provisionally booked Tasley Village Hall for a consultation meeting from 7 pm on Tuesday 7th January.