

**Minutes of the Bures Neighbourhood Plan Group Meeting
6.15 Tuesday 21st March 2023**

Present: Robin Hamilton, Gill Jackson, Ken Jackson, Jane Chambers, Richard Adams

1. Apologies for absence

Ken McAndrew, Heidi Winch, Molly Thomas, Tom Probert

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2023 agreed by email and circulated

3. HNA

The draft has been sent to Sue Downs, Laura Atkinson and Jan Stobart with a request for a response by Friday 24th March. Matthew Kearney has been informed that the Bures team have agreed the second draft and that we will let him know the views of the above when known. JC had attended a Zoom meeting on Affordable Housing; this was run by Laura Atkinson. The use of the garage site at Tawney's Ride is progressing slowly. There was some concern expressed as to whether the HNA will support the need for affordable housing. Some of the numbers were based on figures from 2011 and did not reflect the current situation. Due to this the report indicated a different way forward to that being followed by the NP team. It was agreed that, if the team see the HNA as unhelpful, it will not be used.

Action: GJ to share feedback from SD, LA and JS with the team prior to sending comment to Matthew Kearney for incorporation into the HNA.

4. DAC /Places4People

Ian Poole had been contracted to carry out a review which he has done. The invoice of £748.08 for Places4People has been settled.

No contact with DAC since the last meeting.

It was acknowledged that we need a quote for the project to take the Bures NP over the line. We will continue to have input regarding content and emphasis.

Action: GJ to clarify the situation regarding the return of grant and application for a new grant with Groundwork/Locality. RA to draft the project instruction for the consultant work needed.

6. Photographers

Awards for the Photography Competition – It was agreed that Steven Vaughan would be awarded a £25 Bures Gift Voucher. Two further winners to be agreed asap.

Action: GJ to deliver voucher to Steven Vaughan

7. Events and Feedback

Feedback from the market 11th March – 22 people visited the stall. All responses were positive. The station was seen as an asset highly valued with 22 strongly agreeing that train and bus services should be maintained. Respondents also felt strongly that the needs of young people and those needing support in their later years should be given priority when considering development. There was a comment that an objective regarding sustainable development was needed.

Feedback from parish councillors There has been a request to put greater emphasis on the value of the school in the plan. Support for the Quiet Lanes initiative was also requested for inclusion.

27th March Parish Meeting – The same information as used at the market will be displayed. This was a list of the objectives for each area and stickers available to say whether people strongly agreed, agreed, disagreed or strongly disagreed with them. Comments are also invited.

Action: Members of the team to attend the APM if possible

8. Finance

We have received an end of grant period form for completion on 31st March. This must be sent, together with the unspent grant, to Groundwork. The indication from Groundwork/Locality is that there will be grants available for the next financial year.

£2,300 of the grant is remaining

9. Dates of next meetings

Mon 27th Annual Parish Meeting in the main hall at Bures Community Centre

Mon 3rd April The Garrad Room