

Bures Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting
7.30 Monday 6th March 2023
The Dennis Ambrose Barn

Present: Gill Jackson, Ken McAndrew, Molly Thomas, Richard Shackell

1. Apologies for absence

Robin Hamilton, Richard Adams, Heidi Winch, Nigel Cowlin, Ken Jackson, Jan Stobart

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2023 agreed by email and circulated

3. HNA - update

KJ had been through the document making the changes where Bures was misunderstood and MT had put together a response to AECOM regarding the content of the HNA. These were sent to Matthew Kearney and Olivia Carr. There were queries around using SHMA from 7 Las between 2015 and 2017, the suggestion of a potential surplus of affordable rented accommodation and the confusion caused by the different projected housing ranges. It is expected that a response will be received shortly.

Action: MT to respond to AECOM following their reply to the email containing the above points.
GJ to send the HNA to Jan Stobart, Laura Atkinson and Sue Downs.

4. 3rd Draft

There was a positive response to the 3rd draft shared prior to the meeting. The new sections work well and the climate change is being threaded through the document successfully. There will need to be further amendments such as the inclusion of a focus on housing for those in later life, as highlighted by the HNA and known from the HNS and the 2017 survey. The emphasis on swifts had been added following the launch of the Bures Swift Project.

Photos – approaches will be made to those whose impressive photographs appear regularly on Beautiful Bures. Bures Gift vouchers will be awarded. It was suggested that PictureBox Photography be approached to contribute to the NP.

Charts - Pie charts, diagrams showing residents' responses etc will be needed. Other NPs are a rich source of successful visuals.

Maps – The Housing group are using Parishonline. However, other groups have asked NC for maps and Braintree have provided the mapping for other NPs. A list of maps is needed.

The draft was sent to Paul Bryant and Caileigh Gorzelak at Babergh and to Alan Massow at Braintree and Jan Stobart at RCCE. There had been a response from Jan but not from Babergh or Braintree officers at the time of the meeting.

Action: GJ to contact BB photographers, RS to contact PictureBox. Suggested amendments to the draft to be sent to GJ for inclusion.

5. Places4People and DAC response

The 3rd Draft was also sent to Ian Poole of Places4People and Tim Parton of DAC. There had been no response from Ian Poole at the time of the meeting. Tim Parton had responded and,

following a t/c to GJ had put in a proposal to review the evidence base and draft NP and undertake a follow-up workshop.

The meeting received the DAC Proposal very positively and wished to proceed. It was agreed that GJ contact RH to check the situation with Places4People before proceeding.

Action: GJ to contact RH prior to proceeding with DAC

6. Feedback from surveys

The exercise had been a useful one but since the changes in the sections of the NP it was agreed that that method of gaining feedback would discontinue. 55 responses received.

7. Events

11th March Bures Market – display of progress and surveys to be available

27th March Parish Meeting - display of progress and surveys to be available

Purpose of the events – Raise profile and check that the objectives are agreed.

It was agreed that the display would show the new sections of the NP with a photograph and the section of the vision for the section. GJ showed an example to the meeting. There would then be a list of the objectives for each area and visitors would be asked to put dots against the objectives. Green for strongly agree, yellow for agree, orange for disagree and red for strongly disagree.

Action: KMc, RS and Mo Baker to attend the market

KMc, RS and GJ to attend the Parish Meeting – others to join if possible

8. Finance

The DAC Proposal will cost £2,500. Tim Parton expects funding to continue. It is unclear how the Bures Plan would be funded if the scheme does not continue as the PC budgets have been set for the year.

9. Dates of next meetings

Mon 20th March – 7.30 is a clash with Bures Hamlet PC – query change to Tuesday eve or Mon afternoon

Action: Agree time and day for next meeting

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

Mon 3rd April