

<p>Present:</p> <p>Kirstin Richardson (Chair) Dave Hutchinson Delia McNally Grahame Tobin Mervyn Butler Susan Lawrence Howard Lawrence George MacCoy Brian Navi Roy Wilburn Viv Davies Alan Younger Lesley Younger Phil Payne Frank Coyle Jane Arthurs Peter Arthurs Stephen Bradley Cllr Jeff Milburn</p>	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Joe Thompson Cllr Jane Carter Cllr Joan Atkinson Joe Thompson Sue Balmer Miriam Hardie</p>
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Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the AGM held on 20 January 2020 were approved by members present. It was noted that all actions had been completed.

Matters arising:

Action:

- The Communications sub group will prepare a presentation on the Forum's activities for residents in the Grange, Langholm Court and Willowbank Court. When ready, a date will be agreed with George McCoy for the presentation at the Grange.

Meeting with Cllr Ian Malcolm, Leader of South Tyneside Council – 10th February

Three members of the Forum Executive met with Cllr Malcolm on 10th February to express the community's concern over the number of new houses proposed for East Boldon in the Council's draft Local Plan.

Issues discussed:

- Overall number of houses required – We challenged the Council's acceptance of the government imposed housing requirement for 7,000 new houses by 2036 (350pa).
Response: the Council needs the new housing and in particular new executive housing.
- We raised the disproportionate allocation of new housing to East Boldon – 950 compared to 240 based on population.
Response: Every ward in the borough has taken a reasonable hit, and given the

geography of the Borough, the Council had no alternative to building on the green belt.

- The effect of so many new houses on the distinctiveness and infrastructure of the village of increasing the number of houses by 150%

Response: Same response as above.

- The impact of the loss of green belt on the Council's own climate change emergency.

Response: Given the number of new houses required, the Council had no option but to release green belt land. The declaration of a climate change emergency won't change the housing allocations proposed in the draft Local Plan.

Cllr Malcolm encouraged us to continue to develop the Neighbourhood Plan and acknowledged that the work we were doing may influence the inspector when the Local Plan reaches that stage.

Peter Mennell, Council Officer, attended the meeting and told us that the next version of the Local Plan, the publication draft, would be published by the end of 2020. Revised Government housing projections are expected in August.

Meeting with George Mansbridge, Corporate Director, Regeneration & Environment – 27th January

Three members of the Forum Executive met with George Mansbridge on 27th January to raise concerns over the Council's support for the Forum and its lack of consultation on a range of issues impacting on East Boldon, including the draft Local Plan and initiatives in including the LCWIP and climate change survey. The key outcomes of the meeting were:

- GM promised to issue a protocol to cover how the Council would communicate and consult with the Forum within 10 days (still not received by 13 March despite a reminder on 17th February)
- Proposed to trial a Planning for Real project with the Forum, which would test how Council planners and the Forum could work together, using the Mayflower Glass planning application as a test case (no further contact from Council as of 13 March)
- To avoid potential conflict between the Neighbourhood Plan and the emerging Local Plan, we agreed to share draft NP policies with Council planners to enable any conflicts to be addressed.

Protected green spaces – progress update

Delia gave an update on which areas of the Village that would be designated as Local Green Space (LGS) and therefore have protection from future development.

Where sites don't fit the criteria for LGS, they can be designated as Public Open Space (POS) or Active Travel Routes (ATR), which also gives them protection.

Following advice from Jo-Anne Garrick, the following areas will be designated as indicated in the draft Neighbourhood Plan:

1. Grange Park – LGS
2. Mundles Lane play area – POS
3. Mundles Lane Bridleway - ATR
4. Land adjacent to Glencourse & Burnside - LGS
5. Boker Lane Bridleway - LGS
6. Bridleway next to railway line between Station Approach and Tiledsheds – ATR
7. Victoria Allotments, South Lane – LGS
8. Dipe Lane Cemetery – LGS
9. War Memorial & Garden, Front Street – LGS

10. Land in front of St Georges Church, Front Street – LGS
11. Boldon Golf Club, Dipe Lane – POS
12. Boldon Cricket Ground, Sunderland Road – LGS
13. Boldon Archery Ground, Sunderland Road – POS
14. Boldon Lawn Tennis Club, Dipe Lane - LGS

Neighbourhood Plan (NP) progress:

Work on the background papers is almost complete and will be finalised following a meeting with our planning consultant Jo-Anne Garrick on 9 March. The timescale for completion of the plan thereafter is:

- pre-submission draft NP – end of March 2020
- finalisation of background and other supporting papers – April 2020
- consultation on draft NP – June 2020
- Submission of draft NP to ST Council – early September 2020
- Formal consultation on draft NP by ST Council – October 2020
- Examination of draft NP – November 2020
- Referendum – early 2021

AOB:

Local Bus Services:

George McCoy expressed concerns over the types of buses being used by the local operator Stagecoach. The issue has been raised with Nexus and is currently being investigated.

Road markings at Blacks Corner:

Frank Coyle expressed concern that the markings for designated space for cycles at the junction had been worn away, making the junction unsafe for cyclists.

***Action:** The Secretary will re-send the link to the Council's LCWIP survey where comments about concerns with issues like this can be made.*

Date of next meeting: Monday 16 March 2020 at 7.30 pm in Scout Hut

Meeting closed 8.30 pm