

Meeting of Barlestone Parish Council with the Neighbourhood Plan Co-ordinator  
Held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Present Cllr. Mr. P. Enston, Cllr Mrs L. Tegg, Cllr. D. Crane, Cllr J. Kendall, Cllr. P. Burchell  
Cllr. Mrs. S.L. Wallis  
Mrs. C. Watkins & Mr. M. Bornes

The object of the meeting was to ask Barlestone Parish Council to agree to the Neighbourhood Development Plan as it stands to be submitted to the Borough Council.

1 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Enston declared an interest as he has a possible site being looked at and took no part in the discussion or decision making. No other councillors present declared any interests in land being assessed.

2 Site Assessments

Mrs. Watkins explained what the plan covered saying that whilst the plan covered many other areas of interest to the parishioners, the housing section was always going to be the most controversial.

There were no ideal sites for development within the village so sites had to be decided by the team, supported by their consultant, from the best of what had been put forward by land owners. Criteria from a nationally recognised assessment methodology had been followed to the letter for each site to enable this decision to be made.

The members had received all information on this prior to the meetings.

Mrs. Watkins also stated that the Consultation on the H&BBC Local Plan is currently ongoing and this could have an effect on our Neighbourhood Plan. Indicative housing from the emerging Local Plan have already been included in the Neighbourhood Plan on advice from H&BBC.

The members had to decide if they were going to vote with the plan as it stands. If it was 'Yes' then there would be a move to submit it to the Borough, it would then go through a further consultation administered by H&BBC and then go to an independent examiner. As long as they were happy it would move to a parish referendum run by the Borough Council.

If the outcome was 'No' ie, plan not acceptable then there could potentially be a rush by developers to apply for permission to build on any site. The Neighbourhood Plan once "made", whilst not guaranteeing protection from development, contains policies to ensure appropriate development with associated infrastructure. Planning decisions however will always be subject to the usual planning approval process and the Parish Council do not make these decisions.

Cllr Enston wanted it noted that he was concerned about the safety aspect if further development went ahead on Bagworth Road and because of this, combined with his declaration of interest, chose to abstain from the voting.

All other councillors present agreed to pass the plan for submission in spite of some personal reservations regarding further development in the village.

Cllr Burchell, speaking on behalf of the Council registered thanks to Mrs. Watkins and her team for all the hard work put into producing this plan.