

Final Minutes of Meeting

Date: 18 May 2016

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: Clowne Methodist Hall

1. Apologies Benda Gauntley, Ian Clarke, Mick and Sue Hirsthouse

Attendance was 30 people.

2. Speaker for tonight- Allan Bailey had approached Chris Broughton – the consultant for the Neighbourhood Plan. But, the Parish Council told Allan that he cannot come to our meetings whilst ever he is still on the payroll of the Parish Council.

3. PCSO – not attending our meetings

Allan to write to new Police and Crime Commissioner about him attending one of our meetings.

PCSO attended last Parish meeting

As usual the message is any sightings or worries **RING 101 with any concerns.**

The community are the eyes and ears for the PCSO and the Police.

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Allan noted a recent incident on Hickinwood Lane where someone was growing Cannabis- he had informed the Police on Monday and then there was no contact all week. They said they couldn't do anything until they had a warrant. They did take material away over a week later on Tuesday. The former tenant was not there and owes the landlord rent and so he is fugitive.

4. Neighbourhood Plan- Open discussion

David Hewitt outlined the Household Survey response from Chris Broughton that was reported to the last Parish meeting. 525 responses from 3,000 households = said to be a 16% response rate which is statistically acceptable.

It gives evidence for estimates of type of housing that is needed in the future.. There is a shortage of 1 bed and 2 bed property for people to down size into.

Groups perceived as having difficulty shortage of bungalows and smaller housing.

People were asked Who should future housing be for ? Local (-43%), Local and Incomers(- 42%) or No housing- 15% said No housing whatsoever.

There were 7,590 people in Clowne in the Census 2011 – an increase of a further 143 since 2001.

Households however increased by 206 so a separation of households since 2001- now 3,350.

There is a high proportion of 2 and 3 bed houses and a Low proportion of 1,4 and 5 bed houses. There is an increasing proportion of elderly households. Estate Agents are saying there is a lack of smaller houses for downsizing eg bungalows.

60 % of current New builds are detached.

The market is Clowne, Barlborough, Whitwell and Creswell.

There is a mis-match between supply of 3,4,5 bed properties and demand for smaller houses – 1 and 2 bed. There is a strain on infrastructure. Housing Needs in Clowne are changing mostly due to ageing population and this doesn't match need. There is a question over the suitability of the housing stock to future needs. People are likely to move out of the area or to stay in unsuitable housing.

There is a Need for a Neighbourhood Plan.

David Hewitt updated members on the "New Homes Bonus Scheme" set out by the Coalition Govt back in 2011. This encourages LA's to grant approval for new homes.

The Govt matches the rates income raised for 6 years to Councils on top of normal rate income from new housing.

For Clowne for Band B houses in 2011-12 some £15-16k income over 5 years

In 2011-14 £24K

In 2014-15 £85K

2015-16 no figures yet

In total since it started in 2011 up to 2014/15 BDC have made an additional £68k out of this Govt incentive on top of existing £68k rates. None of that goes to the local Parish.

Eric Burgess commented that Families have been in the village a long time.

He didn't want to see the village wrecked by developers. The Parish have a decision to make shortly to move on with the Neighbourhood Plan process or leave it at that.

It will cost money to do a Neighbourhood Plan. There may be other ways to spend the money.?

He quoted one area where a Planning decision was made just before a Neighbourhood Plan was published.

Why has the Inspector passed approval on development 2 days before a referendum on a Neighbourhood Plan that cost £60-80,000. The Neighbourhood Plan produced wasn't worth it as it had been passed for approval 2 days before by the Govt Inspector.

It is difficult to know what the best decision is. The document tells us we need bungalows and 2 bed houses. BDC have a different policy driver –and the Housing Statement and Developers don't want to do what Clowne needs. They want to build what makes the most profit. Councils will lose at Appeal if they refuse housing applications in a situation where they do not have a 5 years supply statement in place. The Bolsover wide Local Plan is due for consultation in September.

There is concern over the direction of Regionalism at present.

It is likely that it will move us closer to Sheffield. Unless Clowne has a Neighbourhood Plan we will be part of Sheffield. Bolsover at present are minded to stay as part of D2N2- the Derbyshire/Nottinghamshire alliance.

Dave Hewitt spoke about the cost of producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

He has researched this and spoken to 7 areas who have done one. The dearest for a 10,000 population area was £14k and they got £9k from Govt grant and it took 12 months. They had great help from their District Council. The Local Planning Authority is under a duty to help local people draw up a plan. There is an initial £9k grant and more is then available.

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The Parish have funds- there are grants of up to £20k.

There is a Steering group. There is a Special Meeting of the Parish next week. Is this for the Neighbourhood Plan discussion? We don't know.

Evidence on grants and costs of Neighbourhood Plan production should go to all the Parish Councillors so they can make an informed decision.

The Household Survey gives the opportunity to talk to Planners – but it has no status in Planning law decisions.

The Parish have a meeting in June with the Low Road developer proposal. BDC have a duty to assist developers to make applications. They are already talking with developers in the North Clowne proposal. This position suits District Council planners. Concern over the Low Road development and its impacts on the town are significant. The development proposes extra facilities as well as housing. The Parish Council own some land there – 5 acres.

At the last District Council Planning meeting everyone was reminded that they still had to find over 6,000 houses for the District.

Bolsover District Council AGM was held recently- and only Eric Burgess attended as a member of the general public.

Our 4 District Councillors pass little down to the community on this. They are only 4 votes out of 37- mostly Labour decision politics tends to take over. Over the last year

the Parish have put in comments to Bolsover DC Planning and BDC have still passed developments for approval.

We are the only Parish in Bolsover who have got this far on the Neighbourhood Plan route.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting 23 March 2016 were approved.

Matters Arising:

5.1 Buses- Eric Burgess updated

Eric reported that the pressure for a bus service has hit the buffers- as the political wrangling over Regional government groupings continues. Cllr Anne Western Derbyshire CC is going to talk to the Govt Minister about our bus services. It was suggested and **AGREED**- that we should write to the 2 minor bus companies that operate locally to ask if a bus service can be put on? The existing bus service subsidies will be withdrawn by 2020 by DCC– and the impact on rural communities is particularly hard.

5.2 Cleaning of War Memorial The Parish have obtained 3 quotes for the work and 1 has been accepted. It will be cleaned soon – paid for by the Parish Council. The gate to the Remembrance Garden is open but it looks locked. Allan has asked if a sign can be put on to say it is open.

6. Barton St / Mitchell St Rail Bridge and Greenway

The new ramp is going well and working on putting stone infill on the bank edge. Anne Western says it is on track and Allan has also spoken to her about the A frames and disabled access.

David Hindley has e mailed Matt Connley at Bolsover DC about the A frames- reply 6 May – says this has been discussed in Cabinet and not sure that a final decision has been reached.

7. Southgate Colliery Memorial

Friends of Clowne have donated £218 to the Southgate Memorial fund from the Ceilidh event they held. A local businessman has donated the rails to sit the mining tub on. Allan is hoping to meet Capital Refractories soon about the sign design.

8. Grass Cutting – concern that this is being cut in the rain and poorly and too fast. It has been reported to BDC.

9. Rear of Fire Station- alongside the footpath. Some litter picking of large items has been done. The large items were reported to BDC by Allan and they have moved these items- ownership of this piece of land is uncertain.

10. Clowne in Bloom Update

Tesco Bags of Help £12,000 grant. We are still waiting for the grant. We have landowner approval from Bolsover DC now and a Site Licence for the work. Bolsover DC require to approve a specification of work and after completion and Inspection will adopt the adventure play items. For the Wooden Adventure play equipment we want to make the money go as far as possible. Groundwork to give support and use of volunteers. The Management Plan is to be worked on and we need new volunteers involved.

We are on hold until the cash arrives from the Tesco grant – we should get 75%- £9,000 up front – then the balance on completion. SAT 23 July is the Well Dressing

day and we have all schools involved. The Linear park Wildlife Day is on Sunday 24 July and also has Well Dressing boards- so that we will have 15 small boards.

East Midlands in Bloom Judging is on 7 July this year.

NE Derbyshire Well Dressing leaflet – 2,000 copies being printed supported by Bolsover Rotary grant and all the groups.

Martin Edge from Juniors is keen for a walk over on Linear park so that he understands the history link.

11. Any Other Business

11.1 Heritage High School Head- we are meeting with him on Friday- Clowne Assoc and History Society- David Hindley also to attend- broad coverage of issues.

11.2 Rhubarb Farm Langwith – Open day on 26th from 9:30 – if anyone goes can they please report back.

11.3 Bolsover 1st Magazine- Editorial articles submitted on Southgate Memorial, Well Dressing and Clowne in Bloom and Tesco grant work.

11.4 Raised beds has been raised 3 times with Parish – uncertain what planting is to happen.

11.5 Welfare Building- this has apparently been sold. Karl said that Bolsover is waiting to see what the new owners intentions are. The rumour is some sort of childrens' centre.

11.6 Xmas Tree- this has been pushed for at the Parish meetings. The land outside the Lloyds Chemist/ Hospice shop is suggested. It seems Parish are taking this over from Bolsover DC. To be a cleared and a paved area put in? Concern over loss of vegetation/ trees as we need green streets.

11.7 Barton Street Corner- there has been much favourable comments about the planting that Clowne in Bloom has done on this forgotten corner . It is much appreciated.

11.8 New Police Commissioner- Hardyall Dhindja- Allan is to invite him to attend one of our meetings. The only PCSO's now for Clowne, Barlborough, Creswell and Whitwell.

12. Next Meetings - for 2016.

Committee dates two weeks prior to main meetings

Committee.	Main Meeting
6 July	20 July
7 September	21 September
2 November	23 Nov and AGM

The 23 November 16 **will also be the Annual General Meeting** - any nominations for Cttee places please in advance.

Tea/Coffee and Raffle raised £33.75 and everyone was thanked for their contributions.