

BECCLES AND PARISHES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

OPERATIONAL GROUP MEETING

Notes from Meeting

Monday 31 July 2017

6pm

Beccles Library

Present:

Operational Group Members

David Goldstone, Vice Chair
Richard Stubbings, Beccles Town Council
Graham Elliott, Beccles Town Council
Andrea Downes, Beccles Town Council
Josi Horne
Heather Sexton
Paul Fletcher, Beccles Society

Others

Carol Coote
Len Coote
David Bye
Joan Wright
Sue Doherty
Rosemary Hewlett
Jula Janney
Jackie Ball
Andy Gowers
Eloise Bianco
Catherine Roberts

Apologies

Elfrede Brambley-Crawshaw, Beccles Town Council
Richard Belfontaine

Notes from meeting held on 26 June 2017

These were agreed

Local Plan Update

Richard gave an update on the Waveney District Council draft Local Plan

The Town Council had just one physical copy of the documents

The preferred method of engagement is online via the link

<http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/local-plans/waveney-local-plan/new-waveney-local-plan/>

There will be a public exhibition on 8 August from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Beccles Public Hall
The main main allocation in the draft plan is between the Beccles Southern Relief Road (BSRR) and town.

Motorised vehicle access will only be via the BSRR although there will be numerous connections onto the proposed development site for pedestrians and cyclists.

The draft plan also includes revised town centre boundaries, principal shopping areas and conservation areas

It was requested that a second exhibition be held for Beccles and that a public meeting with a Q&A session also be requested. Graham agreed to ask WDC for these additional events

Monday morning meeting

The flyers being circulated around the town state that we meet at 10am so it was agreed to have a presence at 10am in addition to the revised meeting time of 6pm

David G, Richard, Andrea were present at 10am and ten members of the public attended. It was a good opportunity to engage with the public outside the more formal structure of a meeting.

It was agreed that future meetings should be at 7pm with an informal session at 10am
The date was set for Monday 11 September.

Leafleting

There are still a few rounds to deliver and Andrea said she would do them.

New members

Len Coote, Carol Coote and David Bye agreed to join committee

Review data collection

The following themes were agreed

1. People: Young people / old people / disabled people
2. Sports and leisure facilities
3. Education
4. Health
5. Retail (inc. Post Office)
6. Housing (size/type etc.)
7. Environment (look & feel of town)
8. Infrastructure (road, rail bus etc.)

The questions in any questionnaire must be “open” rather than “leading”

It was suggested we need several questionnaires for:-

- all houses
- clubs / societies
- businesses

It was agreed to start with one questionnaire

Individual members to draft questions as follows:-

- Andrea – health
- Heather – education
- Josi – People **and** Environment
- Richard – retail
- Graham – infrastructure
- David - sports & leisure **and** housing

Questions to be sent to David who will circulate to all OG members

The proposed draft questionnaire will be shared at the September meeting

An informal meeting of Operational Group members will be held at 7pm on Monday 14 August in the Town Hall to discuss the questionnaire.

AOB

Paul Fletcher. Recommended an interesting talk by MD of Daimler Benz.

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/interesting-talk-md-daimler-benz-jonathan-brathwaite>

Future of AI at Beccles Library at 7pm on Friday 4 August

Date of next meeting

Informal meeting to discuss questionnaire at 7pm Monday 14 August in the Town Hall

Operational Group meeting

Monday 11 September 10am informal

Monday 11 September 7pm formal