

# BECCLLES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## OPERATIONAL GROUP MEETING

### Notes from Meeting

Monday 8 January 2019

10am

Beccles Town Hall

### Present:

#### Operational Group Members

Elfrede Brambley-Crawshaw, Chair Operational Group Jennie Robinson

David Goldstone, Vice Chair Operational Group

Graham Elliott

John Sayer

Paul Fletcher

Heather Sexton

Clare Mackney

Carol Coote

Chris Greenhill (arrived late)

Chris Bowden (consultant)

### Apologies

none

### Minutes

The minutes of the December meeting were approved

### Review of Draft 2 of Neighbourhood Plan

Appearance and structure is looking good.

CB said it could be “desktop published” but may be OK as it is in Word format

JR raised the issue of lighting in local parks. Can't use the parks after dark. Wants money (perhaps CIL) to implement this eg Darby Park. There were concerns raised over running costs and also the fear that it could increase antisocial behaviour. CB suggested we could incorporate this in Policy BEC9. The fear of running cost may be less for modern LED lighting systems.

JR said that The Common was mentioned in “the vision” but there is little mention of The Common in the document. The Common is very much a natural space and perhaps is best left “as it is” although there can still be enhancements to improve accessibility and the natural environment and perhaps the addition of cycle parking. The Quay could be developed as a more formal “park”.

JR wants dog poo bins at open spaces. Need to identify “hot spots”. Waveney Norse do not like separate dog poo bins as they are toxic when concentrated in one bin. They prefer general waste bins that allow dog poo to be deposited. EBC will do a survey about dog poo locations.

EBC wants all car parks to have electric charging points. And to have the fastest charging speeds.

CG says the town centre section needs amplifying a bit. Pedestrianisation of sections of town centre areas was suggested at previous NP meeting but is not in the draft plan. Also widening the footway, particularly on Smallgate. CB said the NP should not be too

specific. The NP needs to have general policies on these matters but to have supporting evidence about the benefits of pedestrianisation on footfall and town centre environment.

CM wanted mention of pollution from idling cars.

CG wants bus-rail interchange and integration

HS mentioned the problem of longer term parking, in particular for workers in the town.

WDC do have "season" ticket for such purposes.

EBC to send link to further information on this.

Any typo corrections in the document should be sent to via DG to CB

CM there seems to be some inaccuracy on the River Waveney Trust desire for a building.  
CM to ensure RWT sends correct information to DG

CM key movement maps needs some improving particularly with cycle routes

EBC and GE asked for key movement to be included along Rigbourne Hill Lane.

CM said the Conservation Area map is not up to date.

PF requested that we add "for example" in front of mention of U3A. It is not the only organisation.

Section 5.6 Narrow footways ...add Blyburgate and London Road

There was concern that the plan for the town centre showing primary shopping frontages **may** not be correct

It was agreed that Aspirations should not be prioritised. They will be realised as opportunities arise. The column in the table can be deleted.

HS said the captions for photos and not all correct, particularly road names.

DG queries in Health and Well Being section whether the "history of Beccles Hospital" is in the right place? Suggest swap sections around.

JR wants to include specific reference of the Passivhaus standard the text.

### **Local Plan Update**

Only relatively minor changes proposed following the Examination. Consultation on these changes is now live (closes 28 January). Agreed that a respond to this consultation was not necessary.

GE Ask Dickon to next meeting with the third draft of NP on 28 January

Need to have a list of the statutory consultees for the Regulation 14 consultation

### **AOB**

none

### **Date of next meeting**

10am Monday 28 January 2019

Town Hall, Beccles