

**Brinsley Parish Council**  
**Parish Council Meeting held on**  
**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 7.00 p.m.**  
**At the Brinsley Parish Hall, Cordy Lane, Brinsley NG16 5BY.**

**Present:- Chairman Councillor Mrs. V. Wakeling**

Councillors T. Egglestone, J. Handley, D. Kerry, R. Mitchell, B. Sowerby, Mrs. M. Topliss, Anne White.

Also present at the meeting was Mr. Steffan Saunders representing Broxtowe Borough Council and one member of the public.

**3122 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. E. Minnighan (work commitment); Mrs. S. Noon (work commitment); Jenny Sissons (on advice of G.P.); Mrs. D. Sowerby (family commitment); Mrs. E. Williamson (family illness).

**RESOLVED:-**

That the apologies accepted.

**NON-CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

**3123 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

**3124 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD**

No comments received.

**3125 BRINSLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND BRINSLEY SITES SPECIFIC**

The Chairman invited Mr. Steffan Saunders representing Broxtowe Borough Council to address the meeting. Mr. Saunders summarised the Borough Council workshop held on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016 at Beeston which was to assist in the process of decisions required to be made on the most suitable sites for potential development in Brinsley, working alongside the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. The meeting accepted the housing needs for the area set out by the Government within the Draft Plan, which was a number up to 150. A discussion took place regarding the protection of greenbelt within the area, which was the ultimate aim for the parish. Approximately 109 homes for development noted as required.

Representatives of the Parish Council who had attended the workshop expressed their opinion that the event felt pressured in the presence of the land developer, as no notice of his attendance had been advised.

Furthermore, it was reported the Chairman of the Council had been unaware of the attendance of a land developer to the extraordinary meeting which took place on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at the Brinsley Parish Hall.

The meeting noted that all land available for development had not come forward following consultation; land suitable did require a developer to take the project forward, with the developers' involvement in the allocations. The workshops were organised with the intention to look at sites and invite developers to present their case.

The Parish Council was requested to respond to the draft plan by early January 2017 to the Borough Council. The Core Strategy required publishing and would be followed by further consultations with the public, then formal submission for examination by the Planning Inspector.

A discussion was held on the availability of land at the Chetwynd Barracks site; the meeting noted the site would become available in 2021 when the Ministry of Defence would have vacated the site. The Borough Council aimed to keep development to a minimum outside of the built-up area within the borough, subject to site availability with focus for development in the main around the greater Nottingham areas. Maximising previously developed sites would, of course, remain a priority.

Information was received on Neighbourhood Plans prepared by other local parishes including Nuthall, which would publish its plan in the near future.

Other issues including the village heritage could be factored into the Neighbourhood Plan to present a balance to recognise the heritage and significance of the area.

The meeting noted the Inspector would focus on the necessity to meet the required housing numbers within the draft plan to ensure that the Borough Council has gone as far as they can to identify sites for deliverable development for the Core Strategy.

The Borough Council also considered the retention of natural boundaries between other towns and villages.

Cllr Topliss reported that the Brinsley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had arranged for a consultation with residents, which would take place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 regarding the sites specific to Brinsley. Cllr Topliss reported alternative sites would be considered at the consultation and residents' views would be forwarded to Broxtowe Borough Council following analysis.

Cllr Handley reported on the infrastructure and facilities within the parish, including school places and what arrangements would be put into place to cater for new residents. It was noted that generally, some larger developments would improve the potential contributions made to the community from developers. The parish was noted as smaller scale and it was not expected to trigger adequate contributions from developers for large scale community improvements.

The Council held a discussion regarding the Church Lane site and felt the site was, in principle, acceptable for the preferred site with space for up to 100 homes, but this was subject to consultation with residents. The boundaries for the site noted as secure to prevent further encroachment into the greenbelt.

The meeting noted that the presence of a developer for the site added strength to its recommendation. Information received from Mr. Saunders on the process of appeals by landowners through the Planning Inspector.

### **3126 TIMESCALE**

Mr. Saunders reminded the Council of the urgency to submit its decision on the preferred site; most other communities in the area had completed the process.

### **RESOLVED:-**

The Parish Council agreed in principle to confirm the preferred site at its 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 meeting.

### **3127 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The meeting noted the next date for the Council meeting was set for Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m.