

Minutes of the thirty second meeting of Renhold Neighbourhood Plan Working Group
14 Apr 2025 at 7:30 pm at The Chapel

1 Welcome KH

2 Present

KH, CD, SMW, DI, TP, PN, NG, JR, KR

3 Apologies

AQ, PS, I McI

4 Declaration of interests

None

5 Matters arising from last meeting

None

6 Thank you

To all on the committee. The plan would not work without you all.

7 Feedback from BedsRCC re sports field

The policy from the sports field was sent to BRCC. KH has sent 3 amended pages to Ian McDougall. The playing field Trustees will meet at the end of April and will respond after that which will enable a suitable change of wording to be incorporated by BRCC.

8 Update on Housing Needs Survey (BRCC)

The latest Housing Needs Survey results have been received from BRCC. Initial impressions are that the new report uses differing data formats which make comparisons with the earlier report difficult. It was agreed that TP would coordinate requests to BRCC for clarification.

9 Basic Conditions Statement.

KR and CD report that the Basic Conditions Statement is complete.

10 Consultation Statement

The consultation statement section of the Plan has been updated; however it was noted that it remains an evolving report. DI had sent the updates to TP, in due course the HNS aspect needs to be incorporated once clarifications of the latest report are received, and a decision is made on whether to publish the earlier report AQ.

11 Additions and Amendments to Draft policy e.g. Local Green Space Designation

Not all the green spaces are suitable under section 14. Some are privately owned and meetings with the owners/trustees are ongoing. Still to be arranged is a meeting with the Village Hall Management Committee AQ. KH has corresponded with Ian McDougall who will present a suggested revised GI Plan descriptive text to the Trustees of Renhold Sports Club when they meet in late April and respond to KH.

It was suggested but deferred that private landlords could be written to with a template letter and a stamped, addressed envelope so they could respond.

CD was requested to check if any of the green spaces that are being proposed are already protected. Some areas are private and have no public access e.g. Great Early Grove and the School Playing Field.

It must be ensured that we have all the relevant evidence for the 7 sites identified in the Neighbourhood Plan ALL

12 +16 Review of boundaries and green gaps to clearly define boundaries and adding resultant map to Policy 2 + BBC maps and parish online mapping tool trial

Work is in progress on the use of the map App. KR advised that Parish online host weekly online advice sessions on Fridays and questions can be submitted beforehand. Action remains with PN.

13 School parking and Planning applications.

NG had briefed AQ in a previous meeting. Bedford BC has confirmed that there are practical difficulties in introducing any additional restrictions on school parking (such as red-lined zones).

On the website there are 3 columns of PC planning responses made in 2022, 2023 and 2024 clearly showing that these responses are no longer published on the site as they can be accessed using the published planning link. NG agreed to arrange for the redundant responses to be removed to tidy the site NG.

14 Ravensden Road Site assessment and site assessment amendment.

CD had completed the Ravensden Road site assessment using the improved template provided by PN. The NPWG will need to respond to the owner who requested the assessment AQ. A copy of the new Site Assessment template is circulated with these minutes.

15 Item was removed as duplication from last meeting.

17 Plan for walk around with sub team of views, log views and vistas.

BRCC had marked 7 original important viewpoints on the GI Inspirations Map and have confirmed that additional viewpoints, later identified by the WG, could be added at a cost. However, it may prove more appropriate to create a separate reference map as the additional 9 viewpoints did not feature amongst the original aspirational inputs or the Reg 14 consultation.

PN has taken photographs and produced a matrix of all viewpoints with their locations and brief key features which is attached to these minutes to support further discussion and development to ensure robust justification. ALL.

18 Colour Coded Feedback from residents final check ahead of publication.

Subject to final clarification of who is to liaise with organisations such as the Village Hall and any other impacted individuals and the incorporation of final tracked changes, this is ready for inclusion in the Consultation Statement in Appendix 3 and on the website. AQ, NG, TP, KH, CD & PN

19 **Item was removed as duplication from last meeting.**

20 **Locality Grant.**

The BRCC invoice was successfully submitted before the closing date and the money has been received by RNPWG.

21 **Meeting with Village Hall update / Way Forwards by PC.**

This item was held over to the next meeting.

22 **Next steps – BBC review.**

Target was agreed to submit a full draft set to the PC in time for their meeting on 24 Jul before it can be submitted to BBC for their review. ALL

23 **Next meeting date.**

The meeting ended at 20:50.

The next meeting was proposed for Monday 12th May 7:30 pm in the Chapel but the availability of group members will need to be confirmed. AQ