



Banwell Parish Council

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MEETING: Wolverhill Development Liaison Group.

DATE & TIME: Monday 11th March 2024 at 10:30am.

LOCATION: Hybrid – Banwell Youth & Community Centre and Virtually.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors Paul Harding, Nick Manley representatives from North Somerset Council Marcus Hewlett, Ellena Fletcher, Max Smith and representatives from the developers with land interests at Wolverhill, Andrew Cockett, Jonathan Adams, Jeff Richards, Ian Gazzard, Mike Kerton, Neil Lewis, Dean Fisher, Jenny Brow, Andrea Kellegher & Sarah Morgan.

Also present: Liz Shayler (Clerk).

Before the meeting began, given the absence of a chair, then a chair of the meeting was selected.

WLG16/24 Resolved: That Cllr Manley be elected as Chair of the meeting.

WLG17/24 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Blatchford.

WLG18/24 To receive members' declarations of interest on any agenda item

No declarations of interest were received.

WLG19/24 To agree the following minutes

- i) Wolverhill Liaison Group on the 1st of February 2024

Resolved – That the minutes of the Wolverhill Liaison Group held on the 1st of February 2024 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

The minutes of the meeting will be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

- ii) Wolverhill Liaison Group on the 5th of February 2024

Resolved – That the minutes of the Wolverhill Liaison Group held on the 5th of February 2024 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded

The minutes of the meeting will be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

WLG20/24 To discuss the following elements of the masterplan.

The Parish Council and Wolverhill Working Group were thanked for the feedback received so far.

It was reiterated that this meeting was in relation to the land in the control of Wain Estates, Ainscough & Bloor Homes as per the map which forms part of the minutes of the Liaison Group meeting on the 5th of February 2024.

There was a presentation on additional thoughts around facilities, access and movement, green & blue infrastructure & local centre.

i). **Facilities**

Present facilities were discussed and whether there would be opportunities to improve current facilities and / or create new facilities.

ii). **Access & Movement**

Suggested active travel routes and public transport routes were discussed.

Concern was raised about the proposed closure of the north section of Wolverhill Road by the current Banwell Allotments. This would prevent the new development accessing Worle unless they travelled along the bypass / Summer Lane onto the A371 and then either through the Locking Parklands development or along the A370.

A query was raised in relation to Silvermoor Lane – the current proposal is to close Silvermoor Lane to prevent through traffic.

The Local Plan Team are awaiting further traffic modelling in relation to the Junction 21 relief road and movement of vehicles between the new settlement and neighbouring settlements particularly Worle.

iii). **Green & Blue Infrastructure**

Suggested active travel routes, greenspaces, bridleways and walking trails were discussed.

It was suggested that local horse riders are consulted in relation to improving the current bridleway network.

The Clerk to provide information on Active Travel routes proposed as part of Banwell Bypass scheme.

Suggested allotments and play areas (natural & formal) were discussed.

Concern was raised that all allotments current and proposed were north of the new settlement. It was suggested that there may be an opportunity to improve allotment provision for new and current residents of Banwell Parish by moving some to the south of the Bypass.

Currently there were no green infrastructure plans for the strategic green gap. It was suggested that consideration be given to improve green infrastructure within the strategic gap.

Ongoing maintenance of new play areas was raised along with the use of maintenance companies and play equipment within current and proposed areas.

iv). **Local centre**

The character of the local centre, placemaking and design were discussed.

Currently it was not proposed to have a GP surgery but a convenience store, market square, mobility hub, older living, community hub, flexible workspace, retail units with residential accommodation above, a learning & health hub were proposed.

WLG21/24 Date of next meeting –

North Somerset would like to hold a virtual meeting in relation to the Local Plan with everyone with land interests at Wolverhill before the end of March.