

Tibshelf Parish Council
Notes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group
held on Tuesday 25th January 2022 at Tibshelf Village Hall,
at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors. A Beckett, M Coupe (Chair), P Billington, I Brentnall, D Watson

Community. B Green (Vice-Chair), S Haddock, M Shreeve

In attendance: M Scarborough (Communication and Projects Officer)
P Leppard (Locum Parish Clerk)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received from Councillors: K Salt

Apologies for absence from others: A Towleron (Planning Consultant), C McKinney (BDC)

2 Declaration of Members' Interests

None present declared an interest in any agenda item.

3 Public Speaking

No members of the public were present.

4 To approve the draft notes of the meeting of the Steering Group held on 28th September 2021

The notes were accepted as an accurate record and no amendments were made. B Green proposed, D Watson seconded. All in favour.

5 To review issues arising from the autumn 2021 Public Exhibition

S Haddock explained the comments from the public. The largest response related to the possibility of more housing and the potential impact on the sustainability of infrastructure and village amenities. It was reported over 250 people had attended, a similar figure to the previous exhibition.

6 To agree amendments to the draft Neighbourhood Plan

S Haddock directed members' attention to the changes made to the indicative draft previously circulated. They were technical and wording alterations to align the draft with the latest Bolsover Local Plan and government policy. Changes had been made to the front page and pages 6, 10, 18, 21, 34, 49, 50 and 60.

A discussion was held about HS2. The indicative draft had referred to it, but following a change of government policy, it is now very unlikely to impact Tibshelf during the lifetime of the Neighbourhood Plan. The advice of the Planning Consultant was to remove all references completely. It was proposed by A Beckett to rewrite that part of the plan and say that HS2 references have been removed following a change in government policy, but that this would be revised if government policy changes back. Precise wording to be written by S Haddock, technical approval to be provided by the Planning Consultant and then circulated to members. Seconded by B Green. All in favour.

7 To agree arrangements for a presentation to the Parish Council meeting of 8th February

It was reported that all members of Tibshelf Parish Council had received copies of the indicative draft and supporting evidence documents. The Locum Parish Clerk requested

further detail on the planned meeting and agenda items. It was suggested the meeting would involve a single agenda item that invited discussion and comments from members.

8 Any other business

I Brentnall expressed concern about the increase in solar farms and if the Neighbourhood Plan could include comments urging moderation. The Planning Consultant, previously made aware of this concern, wrote that it would be possible to include such a policy, but it must not duplicate an existing policy in the Bolsover Local plan. M Coupe had researched this point and found an existing policy in the Local Plan. That policy doesn't prevent, but regulates, solar farms. S Haddock said the Neighbourhood Plan could reference the Bolsover Local Plan and express agreement with it.

D Watson asked if wind farms should also be referenced. S Haddock suggested including energy generation in the section on low emission vehicles. Research could be done on the Bolsover Local Plan's references to windfarms, if any. A Beckett suggested the Plan was becoming too broad and the group should stick to what it originally covered. S Haddock said solar farms were raised at the exhibition and inclusion could be justified.

I Brentnall recommend page 11 is changed due to a geological inaccuracy.

Members of the Steering Group, especially members of the community, were thanked for their involvement over the past three years.

9 To confirm date and time of the next meeting

S Haddock advised the meeting on the schedule going forward. It was agreed to wait for Tibshelf Parish Council to consider adopting the Neighbourhood Plan on 8th February 2022 and convene a meeting once feedback from Bolsover District Council had been received.

The meeting closed at 7:56 pm.