

# Pool-in-Wharfedale Neighbourhood Plan Group Meeting

## 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**Present:** Joanna Rowling, Ailsa Bearpark (note taker), Alexa Ruppertsberg, Gavin Barlow, John Porter, Nic Griffin, Jeremy Griffin, Barry Anderson.

**Apologies:** Pat Lazenby, Stewart Brown

**Note to meeting:** Stewart Brown, who could not attend this evening, has recommended that the group try to find a planning specialist as quickly as possible to ensure the plan is covering the main and central issues facing the community of Pool-in-Wharfedale.

1. **Training:** The group has received an invitation to a training event to be held at Boston Spa on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Joanna Rowling and John Porter will attend.
2. **February meeting** – Ian MacKay and Dan (LCC officer who is assisting with NP's) to be invited. Its hoped that a definitive list of contents for NP will be able to be assembled from their input.

Discussion on what information could be gained from the above events covered clarity on what can and can't be put into a NP. More investigation of the Linton NP which is ready for its referendum stage is needed. **NB** the Traffic Survey commissioned by Linton was disallowed by the inspector.

### 3. NP Group potential issues for attention in the plan:

- a) Flooding – possible exacerbation should significant development take place.
- b) Assessment of Traffic density – Are there any national guidelines for saturation. What if any legislation is there applying to development?
- c) Sewage disposal – current arrangements are apparently over extended. What plans and extra capacity is needed for the future of Pool and surrounding area in the event of extension to the current housing stock.
- d) Electoral Boundary Changes are planned in the near future. What is the timescale for this? What impact will this have on the planning proposals in lower Wharfedale regarding national housing provision targets?
- e) How best can neighbouring communities work together to provide a cohesive approach to NP process.
- f) An additional river crossing over The Wharfe is often referred to as a solution to traffic congestion but no further information is ever forthcoming.
- g) Plan period – what period will the Pool plan be applicable to.
- h) Is there any provision for local review beyond the plan period.
- i) The group acknowledges the need for consultation with all local land owners. These were noted as David Holmes, The Norris Family, Weidmann Whiteley Papers Mill.

### 4. Reflections of the 'LIVING' event that took place in December 2015

- a) Only as few further completed questionnaires were achieved due to low number of attendees.
- b) Walking and Cycling – provision was said to be poor due to traffic conditions and narrow pavements.
- c) Housing – In general mixed developments were sought. There is a desire to remain in the village, semi-detached properties and flats were most required.
- d) Renewable Energy – Local schemes were favoured.

- e) Facilities – A combined health service centre was given a lot of support. Extended parking was strongly supported. A book swap service was also popular.

**Lessons to be learnt:**

More returns of surveys should be continually sought for both 'Living' and 'Spaces' questionnaires.

Once all consultation days are complete a final survey could be delivered to the community in order to gain maximum opinion on the subject matter of the plan.

**5. Planning for final consultation:** Traffic and Transport

Saturday morning 10.30 – 12.00 is favoured as best time

It is hoped that the presence of invited representatives of interested parties will attract more attendees. Organisations to be invited include

- Local Ward Councillors
- Parish Councillors
- Metro
- LCC Highways Dept
- Leeds Bradford Airport

Previous surveys will be available  
No date has been set at time of writing.

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Date and time of next meetings:

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 1.30pm – 4.30pm - LCC consultation on proposed Airport Link Road

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 7pm - NP group meeting

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 7pm – NP group meeting

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 7pm – NP group meeting