

Minutes of Barningham Neighbourhood Plan working party meeting held via Zoom on 23rd November 2020 at 7pm

Present: Carol, Jean, Sue, Tony, Julie, Vicki and Ian Poole.

Apologies: Nikki

3. To agree changes/acceptance of Master Plan document.

The working party are still disappointed to see that the document does not reflect the criteria that we were asking for. We were wanting to use this information in our consultation. With this in mind it was agreed that Ian Poole would prepare some plans, showing the sites but not housing. We would indicate housing numbers but not design or layout, these details can be consult on again at a later date.

4. To discuss submission to West Suffolk Local Plan consultation.

It was agreed that we should respond to the consultation by saying that we think that a Parish, carrying out a Neighbourhood Plan, as we are, should be responsible for allocating their own sites. As such, unless strategic to the overall Local Plan, West Suffolk should not allocate any sites in our area. They should allow us to continue our work in identifying sites and consulting with the Parish, with the end result being that the sites chosen in the Neighbourhood Plan are done so through a thorough local consultation and that it is these sites that are brought forward for development. We are planning on consulting with all the residents early in the New Year and it will not be until after this consultation that we be in a position to allocate and support any site. A copy of a plan showing our sites will be included.

5. Next Steps

Ian Poole has been informed, by West Suffolk Council, that Barningham has to provide 37 houses during the local plan period, up to 2040. 3 of those houses have already been allocated so we need to deliver another 34 through our neighbourhood plan.

We want to consult with all the residents in Barningham early in the New Year. We can deliver a copy of the consultation to every home. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic we will have to look at options for collecting the responses back.

It was agreed we would provide a very clear consultation just asking at this stage for people to indicate which of the sites we have identified they would prefer to be developed.

6. Next meeting