

BULCOTE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



Minutes of Meeting of Steering Group held on 16th October 2018 at 7:00pm

Present:

Nick leaves (Parish Councillor and Chair)
Keith Simpson (Parish Councillor)
Thelma Aris
Pete Jackson
Mike Simmonds
Carl Springthorpe
Stephen Storr
Mick Tobin
Steve Wright (Burton Joyce & Bulcote Local History Society)

Apologies:

Helen Metcalfe

Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

A grant of £10,000 has been approved following the application to "Awards for All" . Now awaiting transfer into the Parish Council bank account.

Some "Conflict of Interest" forms are still awaited.

Action: Nick Leaves to chase

A response has been received from Lee Robinson (Systems Development and Land Charges/Street Naming Manager for N&SDC) with regard to Tree Protection Orders and tree preservation – see below. The matter appears to be quite complex and requires further consideration.

Action: Keith Simpson to try and clarify

Some progress has been made with the Character Appraisal, but see below and appointment of Gary Hall.

HM to distribute "policy matrix" form at next meeting.

Action: Helen Metcalfe

Minutes:

Some of the additional grant funding will be used to appoint Gary Hall of Urban Forward Ltd to produce a character assessment in conjunction with the Character Appraisal currently being undertaken by

members of the group. It was felt that some direction was required from Gary Hall in order to proceed further. A meeting was to be arranged.

Gary Hall is to be formally appointed by the Parish Council once the grant money is received.

Steve Wright outlined his contribution to the Burton Joyce Neighbourhood Plan. A list of buildings of interest in Bulcote was to be provided and Steve would prepare an historical note on each. The buildings to be considered would not only be those currently Listed, but others of historical/architectural merit.

It was suggested that a request be placed in the Burton Joyce Parish magazine for any old photographs or information on local buildings. Steve Wright also expressed an interest in seeing old copies of the Bulcote Newsletter.

TA had received confirmation from Notts County Council Highways that the land opposite The Ridings was highway land.

Next meeting to be arranged for two weeks after meeting with Gary Hall.

POST MEETING NOTE – meeting with Gary Hall has been set for Tuesday 4th December at 10:00am Walnut House with a possible meeting prior to that to be arranged between 27th to 30th November

Lee.Robinson@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk

12 Oct 2018, 15:28 (10 days ago)

Dear Keith,

Sorry for the delay in replying.

Firstly, regarding plans of those trees protected by a TPO, please see attached. This is simply an indicative plan and it is important that the plan is read alongside the actual legal TPO order, including schedule and plan. I am happy to provide a copy of the actual orders for each TPO and plan. Let me know.

Regarding protection, you are correct for those trees already afforded protection by a conservation area. In such instances, we would only consider the serving of a TPO on such trees if there is a risk of removal (evidence would have to be provided). If works are required to those trees, the owner would be required to seek consent from ourselves, including removal.

Regarding TPO - Authorities can either initiate this process themselves or in response to a request made by any other party, however as mentioned, we would require evidence to confirm the trees are at risk.

When deciding whether an Order is appropriate, authorities are advised to take into consideration what 'amenity' means in practice, what to take into account when assessing amenity value, what 'expedient' means in practice, what trees can be protected and how they can be identified. The following website provides further guidance for you – <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tree-preservation-orders-and-trees-in-conservation-areas#tree-preservation-orders--general>

The assessment would be undertaken by site visit, including the Local Authority's Tree Specialist and as mentioned above, consideration would be given to location, public amenity value, health and remaining lifespan of tree/s).

Regarding those trees located on the area opposite The Ridings, are you aware of ownership, is it on Nottinghamshire County Council or privately owned land? In the case of land owned by the County Council, although a tree / trees may merit formal protection on amenity grounds it may not be beneficial to do so by the use of TPO's if they are already under good arboricultural/sylvicultural management.

Once again, we would look at the risk of removal and evidence provided to support.

I realise the above email is short, however please feel free to ring me to discuss further and progress possible assessment.

Kind regards,

Lee

Lee Robinson

Systems Development and Land Charges/Street Naming Manager