

# BINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

## REPORT ON PROGRESS

30 April 2019

The NPSC first met in January 2019. At this meeting Peter Allen was appointed chairman, Karen Peters the Treasurer and Cllr John Stockwood agreed to act as secretary for the one meeting only. Nikki Thomas became the full time secretary at the February meeting.

The committee consists of 15 members. Meetings are held in the Council Chamber on the last Monday of the month unless there are conflicting dates – such as bank holidays.

The meetings so far have mostly been devoted to business matters regarding set up and procedure, but important decisions and one major step have been taken:

- The launch of the NPSC will be at the Bingham Summer Fair on 8<sup>th</sup> June and the first public consultation will be carried out then. A stall has been hired and paid for.
- A news release has been put in the Buttercross and items sent to other news outlets.
- The NPSC will adopt the same logo and colour scheme as the Community-led Plan SG to demonstrate continuity.
- A bank account has been opened and a grant from the BTC has been paid into it.
- The NPSC has agreed to set up its own website and this has been commissioned. It will be launched in time for the Summer Fair.
- The Strategic Statement that will form the practical and philosophical basis for all future work has now been agreed and adopted unanimously by the NPSC. This is an important step and one that in NP committees elsewhere in Rushcliffe has been hard to achieve. It will now go to the BTC for councillors to scrutinise it and vote on adoption.
- We have decided that when the NPSC reaches agreement on any topic or policy it will be put to the BTC for discussion among councillors and adoption.
- Minutes of monthly meetings will be put on the NPSC website when they have been approved by the committee.

- The NPSC has decided that we will not commission a consultant until we have formed our ideas on the policies that we wish to develop, but we will ask RBC for help from a planner at an early stage.
- A draft list of Objectives has been drawn up. It is based on the Strategic Statement and information gleaned from other NPs completed within Rushcliffe. Discussion about this and decisions about the next steps will form the basis for the May meeting.

Peter Allen  
Chairman NPSC  
20 April 2019.