

BROMHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP** HELD ON TUESDAY 8 JUNE 2026 AT BROMHAM VILLAGE HALL

Attendees: Keith Smith (Chair)
Sian Woodfine
Trevor Roff

Parish Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer: Julie Betts

Public: There were no members of the public in attendance

		Action
17/26	Apologies for Absence	
	There were no apologies for absence.	Note
18/26	Declarations of Interest	
	Declarations were as previously recorded in the minutes.	Note
	Trevor Roff declared an interest as he was employed by Bedford Borough Council.	Note
19/26	Notes of Meeting Held on 20 April 2026	
	The meeting considered the draft notes of the meeting held on 20 April 2026.	Note
	<u>RESOLVED:</u>	
	That the notes of the meeting held on 20 April 2026 be approved.	PC
	<i>(Proposed by: Keith Smith, Seconded by: Sian Woodfine, All in favour)</i>	
20/26	National and Local Planning Context	
	(a) Bedford Borough Council Local Plan 2050 – No update	
21/26	New Developments	
	(a) Old Stable Yard – No update	Note
	(b) Land North of Lower Farm Road	Note
	The Parish Council had objected to a further application for Land North of Lower Farm Road.	Note
	(c) Land South of Northampton Road	
	The land at Northampton Road had been sold, awaiting further information on buyer and timescales.	Note

22/26	Modified Neighbourhood Plan Document	
	It was agreed that it was sensible to move forward with the plan quickly. Trevor Roff had been working on a consultation document and Keith Smith had prepared a draft plan. The Regulation 14 assessment would take six weeks, this included consulting with the statutory list of consultees. The updated or revised document is officially known under Regulations as a Modified Neighbourhood Plan (MNP) It was agreed that policies would be included in the document as an appendix. Green infrastructure sites would be policies. The Neighbourhood Plan should be to 2030, the group agreed they could not wait for Bedford Borough Council's 2050 plan. The amendments to the Vision and Aims proposed were acceptable. There was a need to establish whether there is a need to (i) prepare a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Report for statutory consultation and (ii) commission a Habitats Regulation Assessment (as identified in the Project Plan. It was agreed that the number of windfall sites in the plan should be 15. Parish Council to agree. The amendments to Policy Educational Provision were agreed as reasonable A new policy is required in respect of Development Design Criteria. C8 Environment – The modified plan must include new policies relating to Green Infrastructure plan adoption, green infrastructure sites and designation of local green spaces. Next Generation Broadband should be a new policy. The Settlement Policy Area needs to be realigned. Proposals map would be valuable in identifying on a single plan, land allocations, green space and green infrastructure site.	
	Actions: • Do we need a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and a Habitat Regulation Assessment? Ask Sonia Gallagher • Issues and options consultation – take narrative in new policy and compare with revised plan. • Keith Smith to send notes on MNP • Non-policy aspirations require text stream lining • Parish Council to approve revised Neighbourhood Plan and windfall sites • The Settlement Policy Area (SPA) needs to be realigned	JB KS KS SW PC JB

	- Proposals map would be valuable in identifying on a single plan, land allocations, green space and green infrastructure site. - Costs to be agreed at Parish Council (Survey Monkey, SEA, Reg Hab Assessment, Printing, Map work, Public Exhibition Boards)	JB JB
23/26	Project Plan	
	The updated project plan was agreed.	Note
24/26	Date of Next Meeting	
	Date of next meeting Thursday 2 July 2026, 6pm. Meeting closed at 7pm.	Note