

Brilley Parish Council

Notes of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group Meeting on
Tuesday 2 June 2015 at 19.30 in Brilley Village Hall

Present: Roger Bayliss, Peter Davies, Chris Rice, David Woolley, Gareth Pugh, Keith White and Joseph Kendrick. Rocky Lloyd, Matt James and Chris Holloway.

In attendance: Parish Clerk Alison Sutton and Claire Parker from Kirkwells.

1. Apologies – Sherrill Cruz

Roger welcomed everyone to the meeting that the group had not expected, but is necessary as the Modifications to the Core Strategy have meant changes are needed to the Plan.

2. Likely Modifications to Core Strategy and impact on Brilley NDP –

Claire suggested 2 options for the Plan following the changes made to the Core Strategy:

- Take housing out of the Plan and leave all decisions on planning to Herefordshire Council or
- Defining a settlement boundary and allocate sites for housing.

Members of the Steering Group and Councillors not happy with either option. Concerns about going back to parishioners and questions as to why anything has to be changed. Long discussion about what the changes are that affect Brilley NDP. Target for development by 2031 for Brilley now 16 houses, rather than 4 as in Core Strategy before Modifications required by Examiner. Felt by Group that defining a settlement boundary is not possible as there is no obvious settlement just a number of clusters of houses. And not possible to allocate in such a rural area, especially as no settlement boundary for allocations to be made within or adjacent to.

Other option of taking housing out of the Plan and leaving it to HC rejected, as there would be no local input or control.

Agreed that best way is to state that cannot define settlement boundary and therefore cannot allocate sites, state the rationale for these decisions and make the Plan criteria-based. This will mean that any application wherever it is in the parish will be judged against the criteria in the policies, as well as the national framework and Core Strategy when it is finally adopted.

Agreed to leave Alison and Claire to amend the Draft as above. Once redrafted, Alison will send it to the SG and Cllrs for checking. It will then be sent to HC Neighbourhood Planning team to see what they think before going to the community for another consultation. Alison and Claire will arrange to meet HC NP team to discuss their feedback.

3. Way forward – Settlement Boundary, allocation of sites, amending draft –

Not required.

4. Call for Sites documentation –

Not required.

5. Open forum –

No comments made.

6. Date of next meeting – To be arranged when have feedback from HC.

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